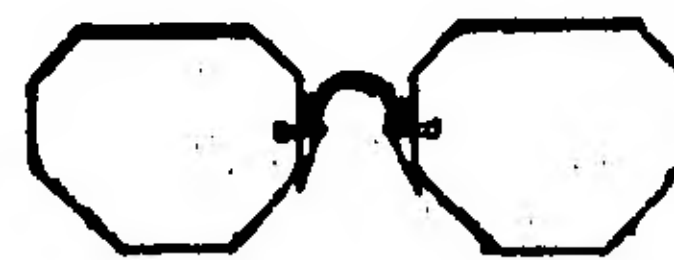


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**CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S
NEW POST.**

President of Executive Yuan.

VISIT TO HANKOW.

Nanking, Sunday.

President Chiang Kai-shek decided formally to assume the concurrent post of the President of the Executive Yuan on November 24. After the departure of General Chang Hsueh-liang from Nanking for the North, which is scheduled for November 28, President Chiang will proceed to Hankow to direct operations against the Communist bandits.

The various organisations in Wuchang and Hankow have made every preparation to accord President Chiang a warm welcome. Arches (Pai-lau) will be erected at Hankow and Wuchang, and slogans bearing the words of welcome will be posted around these two ports. The various schools and public organs will participate in the reception of the President.

Chang Hsueh-liang.

General Chang Hsueh-liang, who intended to pay a short visit to Shanghai, has at last cancelled his proposed trip, in view of important affairs regarding the rehabilitation of the North-western provinces requiring his attendance. However, the Young Marshal will send his wife to take a trip to Shanghai on his behalf, since the various organs have already made everything in readiness to accord him a hearty reception.

Foochow, Sunday.

By telegraphic order of President Chiang, the surrendered rebels under Lu Hsing-neng are to leave Fokien before December 1 for Kiansei, in order to participate in the campaign against the Communist bandits. After the departure of Lu's troops, the Government forces under Lin Hsiao-kuo will take over the defence of Northern Fokien.

In view of the death of Lu Hsing-ming in Chekiang province, Lu Hsing-neng has wired to the Fokien Provincial Government requesting the appointment of himself as concurrently Brigadier-General of the 1st Brigade in succession to the deceased.

Shih Yu-san's Troops.

The troops under the command of Shih Yu-san have been reorganised into six divisions, in which two are named as "A Class Division" with Sun Kwang-chien and Me Wen-hau as divisional commanders, and the rest as "B Class Division" with Liang Fong-chi, Wang Sen-teh, Sung Tien-lin and Shen Hsi as divisional commanders. In addition, there are a pistol corps, heavy and light artillery regiment and a squadron of armoured cars under the direct control of Shih's G.H.Q.—Canton News Agency.

R.A.O.B.

**ANNUAL DINNER OF FAR
EAST LODGE.**

GIFT TO CLUB SECRETARY.

The Far East Lodge, No. 1297, R.A.O.B. (Grand Council) held their third annual dinner in the Savoy Hotel last night.

The chair was ably taken by Bro. H. Lewis, C.P. (D.G.P.), supported by his Committee. During the dinner the following toasts were honoured: (1) "The King"; (2) "The Order"; (3) "Grand and Minor Lodges of China Province"; (4) "Visitors"; and (5) "Absent Brethren".

The visitors also included some ladies—the wives of military brethren who are leaving for India in the troopship Lancashire. Bro. J. Butland, K.O.M. (G.P.) wished them on behalf of the brethren assembled "bon voyage" and hoped that they would find as many friends in India as they were leaving behind in Hong Kong.

HOUSE COLLAPSE.

THREE PEOPLE INJURED IN
WANCHAI.

FLOOR GIVES WAY.

An alarming accident, fortunately not attended with any very serious consequences, occurred in the Wanchai district this morning, when the first floor of a house at No. 4, Morrison Hill Road collapsed, carrying with it a number of Chinese workers. The building is in process of demolition, and so far as could be ascertained, there were a number of coolies engaged inside sorting out the bricks.

It is customary to stack the better bricks for removal later, whilst earth coolies are engaged to take away the debris, loose mortar, etc. It is possible that the extra weight on the floor proved too much, with the result that the collapse followed.

Police, Fire Brigade, and ambulances were rushed to the scene within ten minutes of the occurrence, and three earth coolies, one man and a woman, were removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The man was not detained, and it is not thought that the condition of the two women is serious.

An Old Building.

The building is a fairly old one, and is situated at the junction of Wanchai Road with Morrison Hill Road, opposite what was at one time the Government Opium factory.

The ground floor of the collapsed building some years ago was occupied by a carpenter's shop, the sign "General Merchants" being still visible on the facade. The upper floors were occupied by families until several months ago, when it is understood the structure was sold, the new owner deciding upon demolition.

Blasting Responsible?

The house was also the last building before coming to the eastern side of Morrison Hill itself, where blasting operations have been in process for a considerable time. Recently there has been quite a lot of blasting in the immediate vicinity, which may in some measure be responsible for the collapse.

SEQUEL TO BUSINESS LOSS.

A Chinese woman named Chan Yau (46), widow, living at 5, Yuen Shing Lane, yesterday attempted to commit suicide by walking down the steps into the harbour on the Praya opposite the end of Eastern Street.

She was held back by the Police, to whom she stated that she wished to end her life because she had lost \$2,000 in a business enterprise which failed.

The woman has been sent to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

A large construction programme is in sight for the winter months in Hamilton. At the present anticipation more than \$7,000,000 will be spent for building and possibly as much as \$10,000,000, if all projects approved and contemplated are included. This is exclusive of the normal winter work on new homes and industrial plant expansion and will include the T. H. & B. grade separation programme and new station, building of the filtration plant, reservoir, etc.

cellent entertainment it would be hard to individualise, but special mention may be made of Mrs. Arris for her able rendering of "The Skivvy" and "Why".

Bro. C. W. H. Wilson, K.O.M., the Chairman of the R.A.O.B. Club, in a well chosen speech, presented Bro. J. P. Dickinson, G.P., with an engraved gold watch on behalf of the members of the R.A.O.B. and Club for his services as Secretary of the Club during 1930. Bro. Dickinson suitably responded. Musical honours were rendered to the late Secretary.

The singing of the Maori farewell and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. The Dinner Committee thanked all members for their attendance and for the support rendered during the evening.

**ATLANTIC FLEET TO
VISIT PANAMA.**

Invited to See Exercises
of U.S. Fleet.

WEST INDIES TRIP.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The visit which the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Sir Michael Hodge, will pay as an invitation of the United States Government to the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet at Colon, Panama, will take place from February 23 to 28, and not in January as erroneously announced elsewhere. At the time the United States Fleet will be carrying out their Spring exercises near Colon. Previously the Nelson, together with Rodney, Hawkins, York, Dorsetshire, Norfolk, and Adventure, will visit the West Indian Islands, including Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara, British Guiana.—British Wireless Service.

AFRICAN FLIGHT.

R.A.F. PLANE DESCENDS IN
THE BUSH.

DRAGGED 30 MILES.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Royal Air Force West Africa flight of three Fairey machines left Geneva to-day on the return journey from Bathurst to Khartoum. During the outward flight one machine made a forced descent in the bush. A native runner was sent 100 miles for assistance, and the machine drawn 30 miles through the bush for repair. By working day and night for four days the airman, with the assistance of the Resident at Kano, enabled the flight to be continued according to schedule. Three hundred natives were engaged in clearing the ground to enable the machine to take off. It was the first occasion that an Air-Force land machine had visited Gambia.—British Wireless Service.

SINGER'S DEATH.

COLLECTOR OF HEBRIDEAN
SONGS.

London, Yesterday.
The death occurred during the week-end of Mrs. Marjory Kennedy Fraser, at the age of 78. She was well-known for her collections of Hebridean songs, and her researches led to the recovery of many of Scotland's lost folk tunes.—British Wireless Service.

[Mrs. Marjory Kennedy Fraser was also a well-known singer. She was a daughter of the late David Kennedy, and was educated mostly abroad, in Italy under Signora Gambardella and in Paris under Mathilde Marchesi.]

VOTE OF CENSURE.

LABOUR GOVERNMENT NOT
UNEASY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
It is expected that the Conservative motion asking the House of Commons to censure the Government for not having formulated effective proposals on Empire trade at the recent Imperial Conference will be debated on Thursday.

According to the Times the Government does not anticipate an adverse vote.—British Wireless Service.

SHIP MISSING.

BELIEVED LOST WITH CREW
OF THIRTY.

Cuxhaven, Yesterday.
The German steamer Louise Leonhardt went aground in the Elbe estuary in the gale, and is believed to be lost with a crew of thirty. A salvage steamer rushed to the rescue but was unable to find the vessel. The gale also caused a rupture of a dyke near Hamburg, and a wide area is flooded, including the village of Hettelburg, which was built by war cripples.—Router.

TRADE MISSION.

GUESTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR.

A CHINESE DINNER.

The Canadian Trade Delegation at present in Hong Kong will be the guests of H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel at tea at Government House this afternoon at 4.30. In the evening, at 8 o'clock, they will be entertained at dinner at the Man Kwok restaurant, West Point, by prominent British and Chinese Government and business men of the Colony. At 2 p.m., to-morrow, eight members of the Delegation will have tiffin as the guests of the General Chamber of Commerce. The entire Delegation will be entertained at 4 p.m. at a reception and tea party to be given by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at the Chinese Merchants' Club. The Canadian Trade Commissioner, Hong Kong, will be host to the Delegation at 8 p.m. at the supper dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

BIG DROP IN THE DOLLAR.

Down 1/4 At Close
To-day.

Those optimists who have been looking forward to an early appreciation of the dollar received a rude shock to-day, when the Bank demand value dwindled from 1/3 3/16, at close of business yesterday, to a rate of 1/2 15/16 at the close to-day. This represents a remarkable drop of 1/4, in twenty-four hours—a most disconcerting development.

The Shanghai tael, quoted at 80 at the close yesterday, closed at 78 1/2 to-day.

The drop suddenly in the local dollar is most unexpected, and the biggest for several months. The lowest quotation for the current year was 1/2 5/8.

OPIUM DIVANS.

KEEPERS PAY THE PENALTY IN
KOWLOON.

Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit appeared in the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning to prosecute in two opium cases which were heard by Mr. H. R. Butters.

For being the possessor of two tael of prepared non-Government opium, and being the keeper of a divan at a house in Shamshuipo, Lei Chiu-fa was fined \$64 or one month's jail, and \$100 with the option of five weeks' jail, respectively. Fourteen smokers were re-lieved of \$1 each.

In the second case, Liu Tak pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of 9 mace of non-Government prepared opium, and also to being the keeper of a divan in Puk Wah Street. He was fined \$72 or one month's hard labour on the first charge, and \$100 or five weeks' imprisonment on the latter. Sixteen smokers were fined \$1 each.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone central to the North of the Lower Yangtze Valley is spreading Eastward.

Fresh to strong monsoon along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast.—N. E. winds; fresh; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall.—To 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 95.19 inches against an average of 81.77.

Temperature.—The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	67
Macao	68
Pratas Island	74
Manila	74
Foochow	58
Amoy	58
Singapore	63
Shanghai	66
Shanghai	61

**AMAZING BANK NOTE
SWINDLE.**

London Printers Give
£1,115,613 to a Crook.

NEGLIGENCE ALLEGED.

London, Yesterday.
The amazingly bold coup of a swindler in fraudulently obtaining over £1,000,000 worth of bank notes direct from a printer was mentioned in the King's Bench Division to-day, when the Bank of Portugal sued Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Limited, printers, for £1,115,613, alleging alternatively breaches of contract, negligence or conversion, in connection with the printing of Portuguese bank notes. Plaintiff's counsel asserted that an international swindler named Marang called at Waterlow's in 1924 bearing a forged letter from the Governor of the Bank of Portugal, and ordered the notes, which were duly supplied and circulated. Counsel contended that Marang's plot was full of leaks and holes, and not only invited suspicion, but shouted for it.—Reuter.

HUGE BANK MERGER.

FOUR AMERICAN TRUSTS TO
CONTROL 140 BRANCHES.

\$1,000,000,000 RESOURCES.

New York, Yesterday.
Four concerns, the Bank of the United States, the Public National Bank and Trust Company, the Manufacturers' Trust Company, and the International Trust, are amalgamating with resources of \$1,000,000,000 under the presidency of Mr. J. Herbert Case, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The merger will give the organization 140 branches in New York City, with deposits of approximately \$700,000,000.

Gold From Argentina.

New York, Yesterday.
\$5,975,000 in gold has arrived from the Banco de la Nacion Argentina, \$3,000,000 of which is consigned to the Guaranty Trust Company and the remainder to the Chase National Bank.—Reuter's American Service.

FOREIGN CLOTH.

BEING HANDLED AGAIN IN
BOMBAY?

MERCHANTS' DENIAL.

Bombay, Yesterday.
Notwithstanding merchants' avowals that they are only dealing with homespun, it is universally believed that the Muljijetha market, which has re-opened, has resumed dealings in foreign cloth. Prior to the civil disobedience campaign, the Muljijetha was one of the biggest foreign cloth markets in Bombay.—Reuter.

FLIGHT TO SAIGON.

FRENCH AIRWOMAN ARRIVES
AT CALCUTTA.

FIFTEEN DAYS' JOURNEY.

Calcutta, Yesterday.
The French airwoman, Mlle. Hiltz, has arrived here.—Reuter. [Mlle. Hiltz, who left Villa Coublay on Nov. 10, is making an attempt to fly to Saigon and back in a light plane.]

MARINERS WARNED.

KANGTAI WRECK BUOY TO BE
DISESTABLISHED.

The wreck of the s.s. Kangtai, in the vicinity of Wopung, has been removed and the wreck buoy marking the wreck will be disestablished on or about November 28 without further notice.

Charts affected; Marine Department Charts Nos. 1 and 2.

The executives of the Boot and Shoe Operatives' Union, who are negotiating in London with the Manufacturers' Union for a revision of the national agreement governing wages and conditions, invited the manufacturers' executives to luncheon.

INDIAN FEDERATION

ATTRACTS LITTLE ATTENTION
AT THE CONFERENCE.

GREATER HOPEFULNESS.

London, Yesterday.
The Government of India's weekly appreciation states that developments at the Round Table Conference have hitherto attracted less attention than might be expected, but have already stimulated constructive thought and, it is hoped, will increasingly divert attention from purely destructive criticism. There is generally an indication of a wider appreciation of the importance of the conference increasing the hopefulness of a successful issue.—Reuter.

Work of Preparation.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Federal Relations Committee of the Indian Round Table Conference held its first meeting to-day. The Committee as originally appointed comprised 32 members, representative of all the delegations, with power to co-opt. It was decided to-day to co-opt as an additional member the Maharajas of Nawangar and of Rewa, Chief Sahib of Sangli and Sardar Sultan Ahmed Khan, also Sir Srinivara Sastri and six further members from the British Indian delegation to be selected by that delegation. It was agreed that all members of the British delegation shall be free to join the committee. The next meeting was fixed for Friday afternoon. The interval will be employed in further preparation for the work of the committee.

After some discussion to-day, during which various methods of approaching their task were suggested, it was agreed that Lord Chancellors Sankey should undertake to formulate and supply to members by Wednesday night the heads of the subjects for the Committee's discussion. The Federal Relations Committee, now comprising 49 members, will probably do much of its detailed work through sub-committees, upon which other members of the delegations will be invited to serve.

Communal Issues.

Developments at the Conference are being watched with keenest interest in India, according to the Government of India's weekly appreciation of the situation. The attempts proceeding in London to reach a settlement on communal issues are also followed with close interest.

Regarding the situation throughout the country, the Government of India's survey records an improvement generally. In Bihar and Orissa picketing decreased in intensity and in Bengal a sign of improving conditions is the return to duty of village watchmen who had resigned. In the United Provinces the novices' agitation in the towns is on a decline, although Congress emissaries in rural areas are taking advantage of the low prices for produce and are trying to persuade tenants to withhold the rents. Picketing has practically ceased in Assam and is less organised in Delhi. There is a general decline in active enthusiasm for the campaign in Gujarat and all is quiet in Bombay.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday.
To-day the real spadework of the Indian Round Table Conference begins. This afternoon, the Federal Relations Committee, which has extremely wide terms of reference, meets under the chairmanship of the Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood Benn. It comprises thirty-two delegates including sixteen representatives of Indian States attending the conference, and three of these—Sir A. K. Hydrat of Hyderabad State, and Sir Mirza Mall Lawan, of Mysore—have outlined their conceptions of a possible federal scheme.

The Committee will consider not only the relations of provinces to the Central Government and the relations of British India to the States, but also the question of the responsibility of the Central Government. Any constitutional question can, if affected, be brought up under one or other of these issues.—British Wireless Service.

**NOT SO ROMANTIC
SOUTH SEAS.**

"Ducky Beauties"
Only Imaginary.

PADRE'S ADDRESS.

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 1.
That the South Sea Islands are not the romantic places which popular novelists would have us believe, and that the "dusky beauties" are also figments of the imagination was one of the many interesting sidelights thrown by the Rev. Graham White, of Ipoh, in the course of an address on the "All Red Route Across the Pacific," given to the Kuala Lumpur Rotary Club, last night.

The speaker delighted the gathering with his bright account of a recent journey via Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Sydney, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands, Hawaii, and then across to Vancouver, seasoned with frequent aides and humorous observations on incidents of the voyage.

Port Darwin he found to be a forsaken looking place and they were glad to get away from it. They took as part of the cargo from that place a number of empty beer barrels, for as someone said, no full ones ever left the place.

After calling at Thursday Island—another desolate spot—they sailed down the coast of Queensland within the Great Barrier Reef, the wonders of which were described by the speaker.

Sydney Too Crowded.
Sydney was an unforgettable sight, especially the harbour. The city itself had fine buildings but was far too crowded together. The Harbour Bridge was a remarkable structure, with its 1,700 feet span and 437 feet from the water to the top. He was proud to think this was a British achievement. With its many advantages of scenery, sunshine and sport to be born in Sydney must be no mean thing.

The departure from there was no less remarkable than the arrival as thousands of coloured paper streamers connected the ship to the quay and were gradually parted as the ship moved off.

The beauties of New Zealand also produced a deep impression on the speaker, Auckland, like Sydney, being the possessor of a beautiful harbour, its calm stateliness and dignity contrasting with the life and colour of Sydney.

The extraordinary verdure of the country was at once apparent, fruits and flowers being everywhere and had the Garden of Eden been placed in the southern hemisphere, New Zealand would have been the most suitable place for it.

True Beauty.
The Fiji Islands were next visited. These numbered about 250 with an area of 4,000 square miles. Suva, the capital, was on a small island between the two largest of the islands, and sailing in he realised the true beauty of the South Sea Islands.

The women, however, had not quite the distinctive beauty the story-tellers would have them believe and in the matter of food all the natives were gross gluttons. The dishes of 100 years ago were described by the missionaries as being ten feet long and containing roast pigs and turtles. In addition there was a wall of fish five feet high and 20 yards in length.

The last place visited before sailing for Vancouver was Hawaii, the Paradise of the Pacific, for which the Americans must be given full marks for the wonderful prosperity seen on all sides. The well-laid out streets and buildings of Honolulu might be the boast of any continent instead of an island in the Pacific. At the present time half of the population of 500,000 was Japanese, the Hawaiians taking second place.—Straits Times.

The report of the Building Acts Committee of the L.C.C., which recommended that the height of buildings in London should not exceed 100ft., unless special permission was obtained from the Council, was withdrawn for further consideration.

Professor Ludwig Moser, of Vienna Polytechnic, a noted Austrian chemist and his wife, were killed near Zell-am-See, when his motor-car was in collision with a train.

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HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 29th Nov.	at 7 a.m.
TERUKUNI MARU	Saturday	19th December.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.		
ATSUTA MARU	Tuesday	23rd December.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
† CALCUTTA MARU	Thursday	27th November.
KAGA MARU	Thursday	11th December.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.		
RAKUYO MARU	Monday	22nd December.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.		
KAMAKURA MARU	Wednesday	17th December.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.		
† ASUKA MARU	Tuesday	25th November.
† TAKAOKA MARU	Thursday	11th December.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.		
† DAKAR MARU	Friday	12th December.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
† PENANG MARU	Saturday	7th November.
† HAKODATE MARU	Monday	8th December.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		
† DURBAN MARU (Calls Keelung).	Wednesday	26th November.
TANGO MARU (Calls Molli)	Sunday	30th November.
KAMO MARU	Tuesday	2nd December.
KATORI MARU	Sunday	14th December.

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LONDON MARU	Sunday, 14th December.	
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singa- pore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.		
RIO DE JANEIRO MARU	Friday, 28th November.	
MONTEVIDEO MARU	Tuesday, 30th December.	
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.		
SUMATRA MARU (Calls at Karachi)	Thursday, 4th December.	
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZAN- ZIBAR & MOHABASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.		
CANADA MARU	Saturday, 6th December.	
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
TACOMA MARU	Tuesday, 2nd December.	
MADRAS MARU	Thursday, 18th December.	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER.		
ARABIA MARU (from Shanghai)	Monday, 15th December.	
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.		
* SYDNEY MARU	Saturday, 6th December.	
(Calls at Wellington & Auckland.)		
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.		
NEW YORK—Via Japan Ports & Panama.		
HOKUROKU MARU	Saturday, 6th December.	
LOS ANGELES, PANAMA, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, AND PHILADELPHIA.		
JAPAN PORTS.		
SEATTLE MARU	Tuesday, 9th December.	
(Takes at Keelung via Amoy.)		
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.		
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 30th November, N.Y.	
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.		

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A SORRY TALE.

SHAREHOLDERS TO GO
WITHOUT DIVIDEND.

A sorry tale is unfolded by the directors of the Hazelwood Shipping Company in their report for the year to May 16 last.

Net profits for the year have slumped from \$9,479 to \$894, and once again shareholders are to go without dividend.

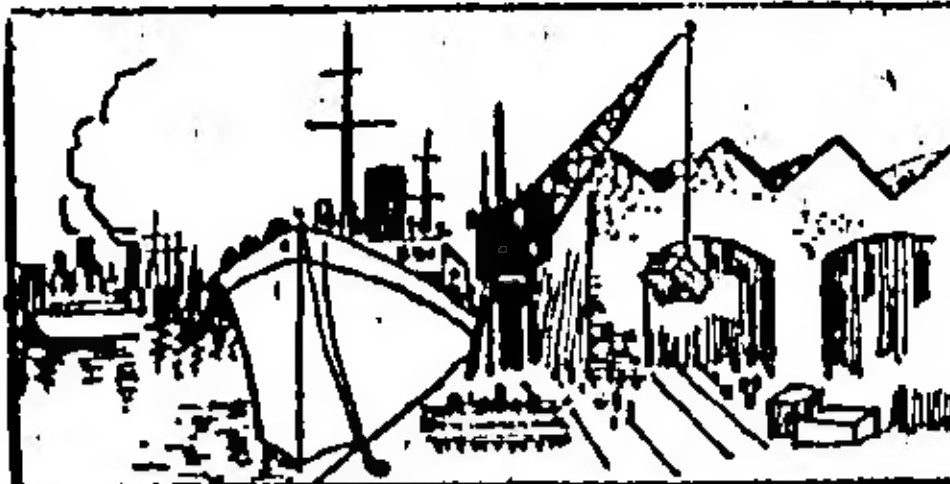
The auditors state in their certificate that the reserve for depreciation of the company's steamships appears to be inadequate. The balance sheet shows steamships at cost \$4,000,000, less reserves for depreciation \$1,200,000. Nothing is added to this reserve this time against \$10,000 a year ago.

The loss of about \$4,500 caused by the detention of two of the company's ships through a strike at Rosario is reflected in the present accounts.

"Conditions prevailing since November, 1929," say the directors, "have been so bad as to make it impossible to avoid trading at a loss."

This does not complete the tale of woe, for, since the date of the accounts, the Eastborough, the latest addition to the fleet, has had a serious accident involving heavy loss of time effecting temporary repairs.

"Prospects," the directors state, "are not hopeful. There continues to be a large number of ships laid up, and until they are all absorbed there can be no substantial or lasting improvement."



CUNARD PLANS.

HOW THE ATLANTIC RECORD
MAY RETURN.

It is because speed pays that the Cunard Company are determined to go ahead with the building of two new liners—possibly the fastest and largest in the world—for the Atlantic service, writes an Evening News correspondent in mail week.

The company believes that it will save money by building the two colossal expensive ships, if those two vessels can do the work that now needs three—Berengaria, Aquitania, and Mauretania.

Each of these three ships does the double journey, from Southampton to New York and back, in three weeks. It is intended that the new ships should do it in two weeks, so that the weekly service can be maintained with only two vessels.

High Speeds. The cost of them will be immense. They will have to be probably the largest ships in the world, not merely in order to carry a very big paying load of passengers, but in order to be able to maintain high speeds against heavy head seas, which are always likely to be encountered on the westward trip.

They must have prodigiously powerful engines. Mauretania is a 24½-knot ship, which has done as much as 27 knots. Bremen, which captured the Atlantic record for Germany, and her sister ship Europa have touched very nearly 28 knots. But these new giants will have to be 30-knot vessels, and will probably have an actual absolute maximum speed as high as 32 knots.

To the first cost of them must be added insurance and running expenses. Even the present great Cunarders burn 5,000 tons of oil fuel on a single, 3,000-mile crossing.

Another problem is the engineering one of maintenance. Experts cannot tell, in advance, whether ships travelling at these amazing speeds will need to be laid up for overhauling more frequently than the present Cunarders, which go into docks for five or six weeks in each year. The actual size of the boats, too, is limited less by engineering considerations than by this docking problem, though some shipping companies have found it worth while subsidising another concern to build a dock to take an extra-large vessel.

Enormous Income. Against this formidable array of expenditure one can confidently set an enormous income. In the first place, the new ships will probably carry even more passengers at a time than the present giants, and it is expected, in shipping circles, that the passenger rates will be even higher than they are now.

But the vitally important point is not merely that these boats will carry a bigger paying load.

It is that they will actually carry a bigger paying load in two weeks than the present boats carry in three. Moreover, it pays enormously to have "the blue ribbon of the Atlantic."

Many countries now are building or contemplating giant ships, Germany, France, Italy, and America. There will be so many of them that not every company will be able to obtain a full load of passengers at the highest rates. There will always be a full load for the very fastest ships of all, those that are, even by a little, faster and more luxurious than any of their rivals.

The difficulty is that speed is so expensive. After a certain pitch is reached every extra knot costs twice or three times as much as the last. It may even cost as much to add two extra knots to 28 knots as the whole of the 28-knots cost to produce.

Saving Hours. Shipping experts regard 80 knots as essential for a weekly service. The actual time of the crossing, in good weather, would be four days and four nights, but no ship, even in the imagination, can be guaranteed to use its maximum speed throughout the whole length of every voyage, in any weather.

Atlantic billows cannot be disregarded, not even by a hundred-thousand tonner. Forty-eight hours is probably the minimum time in which the new ships could regularly discharge and load up again, though Cunarders have at a pinch turned round in 36 hours.

That leaves a bare 24-hour margin for the weather. Fourteen days and nights between one voyage down Southampton-Waterloo and the next, it is a staggering thought.

Shipping Intelligence.

CAPTAIN COOK'S SEA
CHEST.Camera Reveals Works
by Artist Companions

MINIATURES ON LEATHER.

The camera, which by means of panchromatic photography, has revealed details unnoticed by the human eye, may be the means of bringing a fortune to Mr. D. W. Sumner, who keeps a small sweet-shop in Clifton Road, Aston, Birmingham.

Mr. Sumner came into possession, about six months ago, of an old leather-bound chest reputed to be the sea chest which Captain James Cook took with him on his momentous voyages a century and a half ago, when he circumnavigated the globe.

The chest, which was presented to Captain Joseph Elliott, of Uffellby, Lincolnshire, by Captain Cook's widow, was traced as having been passed to the late Mr. W. H. Elliot then to a Mr. William Alcock, through Mr. John Stafford, of Market Rasen, and again to Mr. Henry Osborne, and finally to Mrs. Clayforth, of Birmingham.

—In 1928—the authorities of the Sydney Museum, Australia, offered £3,000 for the chest provided its claim to be Captain Cook's chest could be authenticated. As its authenticity was merely a matter of word of mouth—the chest had been handed from one generation to another—the offer fell through.

The chest was then sent to the auction room of a London antique dealer, but, because of the lack of definite proof, failed to reach its reserve. Eventually Mr. Sumner, who had heard of the chest's history, purchased it for a few pounds.

While unpacking it he fancied that, looking from certain angles, he could discern miniature paintings on the leather top. He had the top and sides of the chest photographed on panchromatic plates, which are especially sensitive to colours. The photographs revealed that hundreds of miniatures had been painted all over the chest.

When Cook made his historic voyages he took two artists with him. William Hodges, a landscape artist, accompanied him on the second voyage, and S. Webber, another artist, was with him on his third voyage, and it is assumed that they were responsible for the paintings.

Tahiti Native. Among the pictures revealed by the camera to be painted on the chest is one of Captain Cook, signed "S. W." There is also the name "Endurance," which was the name of one of Cook's ships, and also the name and portrait of Omai, a native of Tahiti, whom Cook brought to England and later returned to his native country.

One of Cook's voyages lasted three years, and the artists were evidently short of material on which to paint, for on the leather top and sides of the chest are portraits of all manner of subjects in queer head-dresses painted on top of each other, the whole constituting a pictorial record of the inhabitants of the countries visited by Cook before he was murdered in the Hawaiian Islands.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships are in harbour, to-day—
Berwick—West wall dock.
Bruce—South wall.
Kent—No. 8 buoy.
H.T. Lancashire—North arm.
Marazion—In dock.
Moth—East wall.
Odin and S/M.—In dock.
Otus—In dock.
Medway and Subs.—No. 2 buoy.
Petersfield—North wall.
Seaplane—No. 8 buoy.
Sirdar—South wall.
Somme—No. 11 buoy.
Stormcloud—No. 12 buoy.
Suffolk—No. 3 buoy.
Tamar—Basin.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
Patra—Portuguese gunboat.
Truxton—American gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Talma will leave Amoy for this port on November 23, p.m., and is due here on November 29, p.m.
The B.I. s.s. Benlawers from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on December 1.

FRENCH MINE-LAYER

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It is reported that the first French move at the end of the holiday agreement with Italy will be the laying down of an entirely new type of warship at St. Nazaire, a mine-laying cruiser with a displacement of 7,800 tons and a speed of 34 knots, with an armament at least sufficient for her to defend herself against anything that is likely to attack her.

She will be the most formidable vessel of her type in the world, a great advance on any mine-laying cruiser now in commission.

The idea of mine-laying cruisers was started on a small scale by the end of the 19th century, when they built the Amur and Yenesei, ships which attracted great attention from the naval experts of the time, but which came under a cloud when the Yenesei, by carelessness, set on one of her own mine-fields off Port Arthur, and was lost with very heavy casualties.

Two Slow Ships. Germany revived the idea by building the Nautilus and Albatross in 1906 and 1907, very ingenious designs in their way, but suffering from having a speed of only 29 knots and very light batteries, which were intended as defence against torpedo craft.

The idea was that they should always be escorted, and therefore, the stowage of mines was made almost the only consideration in their design. They were only used once against the British, and then their low speed made them a perfect nightmare to the German Commander-in-Chief.

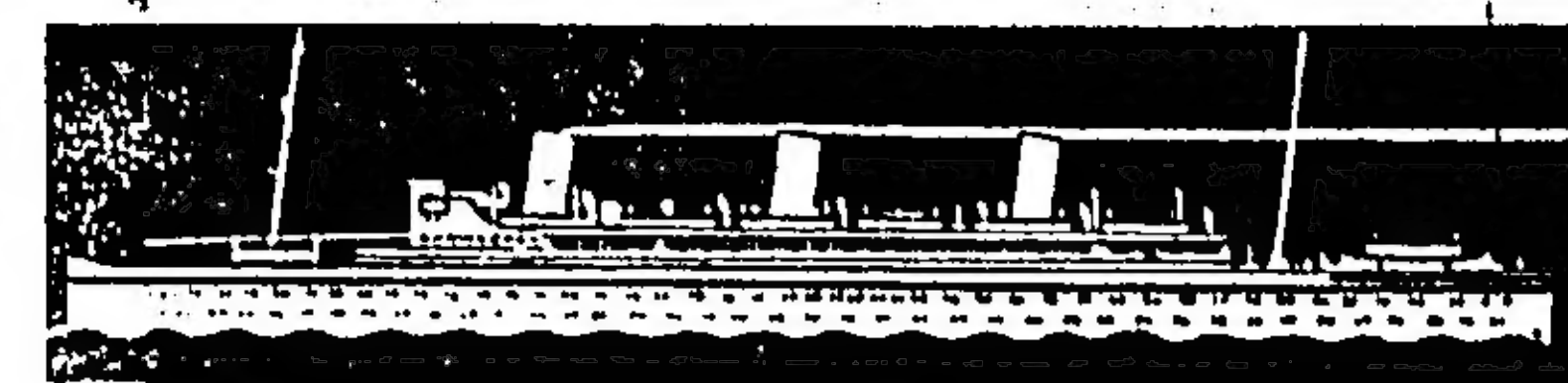
Eventually the Albatross was driven ashore by the Russians in the Baltic, and was later saved by the Swedes and interned, while the Nautilus was kept out of harm's way in Kiel Bay and used for experiments.

But in the meanwhile German, Italian, Austrian, and Russian light cruisers were fitted to carry mines when necessary, although the idea was not at all popular with most naval officers, as there was too much danger of the ships getting blown up while engaged on their proper cruiser duties.

British lagged right behind in mine-laying, principally because it was despised by the Navy as not being gentlemanly, but we were forced into it after the first few months of the war.

Submarine Work. British destroyers and submarines of the E and L types fitted with mine-laying gear did marvelous work in the Heligoland Bight and were dreaded by the Germans, but they were only make-shifts at the best of times, and suffered from a makeshift's disadvantages. After the war the Admiralty tried a noteworthy experiment and laid down H.M.S. Adventure as the biggest cruiser minelayer conceived until then.

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Red-Tape Trammels.

Nominations close to-morrow for the election of one unofficial member of the Sanitary Board. Outside the ranks of the prospective nominees and their immediate circle of friends, it is to be feared that no great stir is being created. This is not because there is an absence of the civic spirit in our midst, but rather on account of the fact that the Sanitary Board has no final say in regard to its own decisions. Every trivial thing, whether unanimity prevails or otherwise, must be referred to the Government for confirmation or rejection. Do the Sanitary Board desire to publish placards illustrative of the menace of flies and mosquitoes, they are impotent to give effect to such a laudable idea; the resolution must, willy-nilly, be referred to the Government—and ignominiously turned down as not in accord with its wishes! Do the Sanitary Board wish to express their views on any subject under the sun in relation to sanitation, these views must be formally forwarded to the Government for its endorsement or condemnation. The Sanitary Board are not permitted to have a mind of their own. They are bound hand and foot by the formalism and autocracy of the Government. It is little wonder that unofficial members get a little tired of an antiquated system of this nature, and that they yearn for a little freedom of action. They can think what they like in regard to the various topics on the agenda, they can express intelligent expression

to what they think; they may proffer helpful suggestions; they may even vote for or against propositions discussed; but there their usefulness as part and parcel of a public body ceases automatically. They have ultimately to yield to the dictates of the Government, be the Government right or be the Government wrong. It is little cause for wonder, therefore, that the Sanitary Board resemble the Disarmament Conference in Geneva from the Soviet angle: it is "not attractive enough to the citizen who aspires to win his spurs in the arena of civic administration. The trammels of red tape repress and subdue any good citizen with any consciousness of the vital importance of civic duties. They are a deterrent to personal enterprise and initiative. They blanket the best that is in a man, no matter how much he may be imbued with that public-spiritedness so essential to the progress of a community.

These observations are by no means intended to discourage any of the prospective nominees for election to the Sanitary Board at the present juncture; but, rather, intended to point out the system that they will be up against should they be elected by a majority of eligible voters. The successful nominees will deserve not the congratulations but the sympathies of his supporters in offering himself as a martyr on the altar of an antiquated Government-ridden public body.

At the same time the keenest critics of the existing disorder of things cannot be wholly permeated by pessimism. The Sanitary Board has the redeeming feature of being open to the Press. Its discussions and deliberations are not carried on behind closed doors. Every debate and every vote are faithfully chronicled in the Press for the benefit of the whole community. The latter are thus enabled to appraise both the work of unofficial members and the attitude thereto of the Government, and formulate their own opinions as to which are right and which are wrong. The community are likewise enabled to form definite views as to the suitability of an unofficial member for public duties in this and other directions. After all, perhaps we should be grateful for this little crumb of comfort in a Colony where the "franchise" is so remarkably limited, in which case we may be expected to laud the good Government to the skies for most graciously condescending to permit two unofficial members to be elected by a limited number of ratepayers!

News in Brief.

A concert is being held in the Lee Theatre to-morrow evening in aid of the establishment of a laboratory in Hwa Nan College, Ice House Street.

A Chinese woman named Leung Yau (31), living at 31, Wing Shing Street, committed suicide yesterday by drinking lysol. She was removed unconscious to the Government Civil Hospital, where she died soon after admission.

Wu Fook was to-day charged before Mr. H. R. Butters in the Kowloon Court with having caused to be printed an announcement relating to a Macao po piu lottery at 374, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$100, with the alternative of two months' hard labour.

Mr. H. R. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning sentenced a Chinese to eight months' hard labour for having disobeyed his deportation order from the Colony. Defendant stated that he had heard of the death of his father, and had come down here for the purpose of taking his wife back to the country.

TOMMIES CHEERED.**BORDERERS WELCOMED TO THE COLONY.****DELIGHTFUL CONCERT.**

At the "Cheero" (City Hall) the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods entertained the 1st Battalion of the South Wales Borderers to welcome them to Hong Kong. The two artists, who have been designated the "Soldiers' Favourites" fully justified the title for the hall rang with thunders of applause as the artists (who are heard too seldom) were in their best vein, putting over as they alone can do the latest Hollywood hits, and having to accede to encore after encore. They were ably assisted by Mr. G. W. True, who played the piano in a marvellous "Jazz" way, calling for enthusiastic applause. Mr. W. J. Geall was at his best and succeeded in keeping the audience in roars of laughter. Altogether it was a brilliant success, and Mr. Brown, at the close, called for three cheers for the artists which was responded to most heartily. The Misses Woods brought the concert to a close with "Good-bye, Boys."—Contributed.

DR. TAGORE ILL.**SPECIALIST'S GRAVE VIEW OF CASE.**

A message from Newhaven, Connecticut, states that Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian poet and educationist, has cancelled all his American engagements owing to heart trouble. Specialists examined him and ordered a complete rest. It is understood that he will return to India as soon as he can safely make the journey.

Dr. H. M. Marvin states: "It is imperative that Dr. Tagore be placed immediately in a position where he can secure the type of rest he needs."

Dr. Marvin adds that he has understated rather than overstated the seriousness of the situation.

ALLEGED ARSON.

The hearing was resumed before Mr. Lindsey at the Central Police Court yesterday, of the charges of conspiracy to commit arson brought against the proprietor of the Tin Sang Tong firm, of 77, Winglok Street, his son and two employees.

Evidence was given by a Chinese constable who was on duty on the early morning of October 19, when he heard a Police whistle being blown in Winglok Street. On investigating he found the ground floor of 77 alight. He promptly smothered the flames with a blanket before the outbreak. Two men were seen to leave the premises and when witness had subdued the fire, he went in search of them.

The hearing was adjourned.

LAI D TO REST.

The funeral of Mr. Reinaldo A. Rozario, of the Netherlands India Bank, whose tragic death as the result of a cycling accident on Sunday morning was reported in yesterday's China Mail, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

There was a very large attendance, including the foreign and local staffs of the Bank.

The Portuguese community turned out in force to show its sympathy to the deceased's parents, nine brothers and four sisters, and other relatives. The Very Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada officiated at the graveside.

There was a large number of floral tributes.

CHANGES AT CHARING CROSS.**The Passing of "The Golden Cross."**

When the Golden Cross Hotel, opposite Charing Cross Station, closed its doors at the expiration of its lease, it closed at the same time the final chapter in its long history. The site is Crown property, and the building is to be demolished and replaced by one which will better utilise the space and make a much more satisfactory figure in the balance-sheet of the Commissioners of Crown lands.

This is the third time that the Golden Cross has been the victim of a London street improvement. What may have been the original house, in what is now Trafalgar Square, was pulled down in 1828 and replaced by a tall, narrow building in the "Gothic" taste of the time, with slender tourelles, a battlemented roof, and a golden cross incised on the gable. Two years later this also disappeared when the construction of Trafalgar Square was taken in hand, and was succeeded in 1832 by the present house some little distance farther east, in the Strand.

Since the Golden Cross was a pre-Reformation sign, it is probable that the first inn of that name at Charing Cross went back a long way into history. There appears, however, to be no record of it earlier than 1643, when the sign so infuriated the Puritans that the House of Commons ordered its removal as "superstitious and idolatrous." At the Restoration it reappeared, and Canaletto shows it in a view of Charing Cross.

Dickens' Memories. Topographical writers, whose favourite amusement is copying each other's mistakes, have taken it for granted that the Golden Cross of "Pickwick" was either the present building or its immediate predecessor. It was neither. Mr. Pickwick and his friends started from the Golden Cross upon their adventures in May, 1827. The house was demolished in the following year, and it was therefore beneath the archway of what for lack of better knowledge, we may call the original house, that the "Commodore" coach started for Rochester. It was this low gateway which, according to the "loquacious stranger," was fatal to the poor lady whose head was knocked off as she was eating a sandwich.

This is not Dickens' only dealing with the Golden Cross. It was thither that "Grandma" drove in a hackney coach when she left "No. 5," in "Sketches by Boz," and did not David Copperfield stay there when he arrived from Canterbury and found it "a mouldy sort of establishment in a close neighbourhood?" Dickens, no doubt, then had in mind the original inn and not the present one of 1832, built from designs by Sir William Pitt, as part of an improvement by which the northern side of the West Stand, as far as Agar Street, was rebuilt. The first and second Golden Crosses stood on the spot in Trafalgar Square now occupied by the south-eastern of Landseer's four lions, but their stables ran up to St. Martin's Lane.

Last Coach in 1832. That Dickens should write about the Golden Cross was inevitable. In his days it was as famous a coaching house in the West End as the Bull and Mouth in the City. It had been raised to a commanding position by William Horne, who took it in 1805, and in time so extended his enterprises that he also had the coaching business of the Cross Keys, in Wood Street, and the George and Blue Boar in Holborn, with a stud of 700 horses and a booking office in Regent Street.

He was only 45 at his death in 1828, when he was succeeded by his son, Benjamin, who daily dispatched 55 stage coaches from the Golden Cross, and horsed out of London seven mail-coaches in addition. His fate it was to dwell beneath three successive roofs with the same ancient sign; his fate, too, after a strenuous and brilliant decade of prosperity, following the rebuilding of 1832, to see the last coach issue from his gates and when he died, in 1870, this stage coach had become a dim memory.

Henry Horne, one of his six brothers, continued the family connection with transport by becoming a member of the firm of Chaplin and Horne, who were long carriers and forwarding agents to the London and North-Western and South-Western Railways.

Mistress: "I don't like to be continually complaining. Mary, but I wish you would remember that when the master leaves his boots outside the bedroom door he wishes them cleaned."

Maid: "Very well, mum. But what does he want done when he leaves them outside the front door?"

LION CUBS BORN AT THE ZOO.**Arrivals from the East Indies.**

London, Sept. 27. The pair of young lions which bred at the Zoo last year have again produced a litter of three. The mother and cubs will be kept strictly private for some weeks, in a space in the corridor of the lion house, provided with radiant electric light and heat. The mother may be expected to bring out her babies occasionally to the open-air cage attached to the east end of the lion house before long, but, as she did last year, she will probably take them back at once if visitors seem too curious.

The Society has bought from Mr. Frost, the collector who has just returned from the islands of the Malay Archipelago, a Babirusa, or wild hog of Celebes, and several interesting birds, some of which are new to the collection. The Babirusa, a deer hog, is a bluish, almost hairless animal found only in Celebes and the Buru Islands, where it frequents wet jungles. It has two pairs of very long, backwardly curved tusks. Those of the upper jaw grow vertically through the upper lip and then curve backwards, growing continuously until they form a spiral curve. Those of the lower jaw also rise vertically and curve backwards, but never grow so long. They are seldom imported, and the Society has been without an example for many years, but in 1884 a pair bred and reared a single young one.

Among the birds, the most resplendent is a Hume's Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise from New Guinea, and its near ally, Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise, from the island of Waigiu. The former has a brown head and under surface, green throat and breast shield, a large double cape of straw-yellow on the shoulders, and two of the tail feathers transformed into long curved, steel-blue "wires." The latter has a similar tail-shaft, but has blue feet and a naked blue head ornamented by bars of short brown feathers. A Papuan frog-moth, new to the collection, is a very large ally of the night-jars, with soft mottled plumage and an enormous mouth beset with hair-like bristles. A pair of rose-breasted fruit pigeons, and another of Celebes doves, also represent species never before exhibited in London. Two Sumatran peacock pheasants, new to the collection, are brown and buff, with purple and black tints on the tail, and with the eyespots much less conspicuous than in the peacock pheasants usually exhibited. A very rare bird, although examples have been received before, is a Pitta, or ant-thrush, from New Guinea. Pittas are stoutly built birds with strong bills and short tails, and with a variegated plumage with many vivid patches of colour. They are rather larger than thrushes, with which they have no kinship, and live chiefly on the ground in thick jungle.

ADMIRAL DEAD.**MAN WHO DEFENDED BELGRADE.**

The death of Rear-Admiral Picot occurred recently at Toulon.

Commander Picot, as he then was, played a valiant part in Serbia in 1915. Ordered to Belgrade with a detachment of marines and two 160-millimetre naval guns, he did excellent work in holding up the Austrian attack.

When Belgrade was abandoned, Commander Picot destroyed his guns, and after fighting with his marines as infantry in the Serbian Army finally separated from it to retreat along the mountainous valley of the Morava, whence he emerged with his men at Salonica to the astonishment and admiration of all.

The club bore was on the warpath again.

"Yes," he drawled, "many are the wonderful holidays I've spent abroad, and I've had a good many adventures, too. While I was in America I hunted bear."

"Good heavens!" cried a youthful member; "but didn't you get awfully cold?"

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of November 25, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 3/6 %.

Examination in dry dock of the U.S. Shipping Board s.s. Lake Faulk, which was stranded on a reef in the Paracels, and after being brought to Hong Kong, shows that the vessel suffered comparatively little injury. A few plates were damaged, and will have to be replaced. The work will be completed shortly.

ROYAL SCOTS.

HOW TIENSIN BADE THEM
FAREWELL.

A ROUND OF GAIETY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tientsin, Nov. 14.
The Royal Scots are having a busy round of social and sporting activities in Tientsin prior to their departure from the Northern Port this month when they will be relieved by the Queen's Loyal Regiment which was popular when garrisoned in Hong Kong.

On November 9 the Royal Scots were given a Farewell Concert at the Union Jack Club, Tientsin. The evening commenced at 7.30 with a Service of Song led by the Rev. Norton, C.F., and at 8 p.m., Mr. Levante, the world-famed magician and his company entertained the Regiment. Then, as an indication of the friendly relationship between the British and American Armies in Tientsin, the Band of the 15th U.S. Infantry played selections. The happy evening wound up with a cabaret show.

Earlier the same day the Scots engaged in two hockey matches against the Tientsin Hockey Club and the Germans. They won against the Club by 6 goals to 3, but went down to the Germans by 2-0.

Col. J. G. P. Romanes, D.S.O., O.C. Regiment, then asked the British Consul-General, on behalf of the Hockey Club, to accept a beautiful silver cup engraved: "The Royal Scots Cup," and bearing the emblem of the Regiment. In making the presentation the Colonel said that the Regiment felt greatly indebted to the local sporting Associations and felt that they must express it by some sort of presentation. Looking around, they found that the other Clubs



"But you offered that picture for five pounds last month."
"Yes, but think how the cost of living has gone up."
Buen Humor, Madrid.

were well provided for, having shields and cups, whereas the Hockey Club had nothing, so they got them that "mug."

On November 13, some of the Royal Scots' leather-pushers took part in an international boxing card in the Recreation Hall at the American Barracks, Tientsin, and shaped very well in their last appearance in the local ring.

A graceful compliment to the Scots figured in large print on the front cover of the programme, thus:
"The Commanding Officer U.S. Troops in China and the members of the Recreation Staff, 15th Infantry, regret the departure of the 2nd Batt. the Royal Scots. Our best wishes for the future service of this battalion go with our Bon Voyage."

FIND OF ART TREASURES.

70-Years-Old Bequest Which Was
Neglected.

London, October 3.
A wealth of art treasures, the existence of which was for long unsuspected, is now on view at University College, London.

The basis of the collection was bequeathed to the College nearly 70 years ago by the historian, George Grote, who was a member of the original Council of University College.

The bequest, comprising a collection of drawings, engravings, and etchings by old masters, was carefully stored away, and when, at the beginning of the present century, another bequest of pictures was made, nearly all joined the Grote collection in the safe where they had remained many years.

About a year ago, however, the Council decided to investigate the contents of the safe and were astonished and gratified to find they had been storing art treasures of great worth, including Rembrandt prints, Turners, Van Dycks, De Witts, Durers and Monegus.

They are now housed in a gallery especially designed for their reception.
A talk film is shortly to be made at the Associated Sound Film Industries studios, in English and French, of "The Bequest," in which Sir Henry Irving, achieved one of his greatest triumphs.

STABBING CHARGE.

PRISONER ALLEGES, ILL
TREATMENT.

"A LAST EXTREMITY."

Accusations of ill-treatment by jail officers were made before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Court yesterday, at the resumed trial of Chi Siu-ching, who is charged with stabbing Acting Principal Warder Bert Plumb on October 22.

Mr. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons, produced the man's committal warrant and his record, also a report submitted to H.E. the Governor. This stated that the Chief Warder had reported prisoner for continuous misconduct. He had seven adverse reports against him in four months.

A Final Chance.
Prisoner had been given a final chance, but deliberately misbehaved on October 17, 19, and 21. On the last occasion it was alleged that he rang the bell in his cell for about half an hour, creating considerable disturbance.

Wanted a Bath!
In reply to the charge, prisoner had stated that he rang his bell to get a bath. Warder Murphy had refused him, as did Acting Principal Warder Plumb later. He alleged that Mr. Plumb tried to strike him with a ruler.

Both officials had sworn that prisoner was not entitled to any bath at the time according to usual routine, Warder Plumb adding that he had cautioned the prisoner repeatedly. He denied the man's allegation as to an attempted assault.

"Conspiracy of Officers."
When asked if he had any questions to put, prisoner alleged that the Superintendent of Prisons had listened to a "conspiracy of officers" against him. He described his punishments as unfair. He also alleged that on occasions he was not allowed to talk.

This latter charge Mr. Franks said was not correct, according to his own recollection.

Acting Principal Warder Plumb was then re-called, and gave his story of the circumstances, which in the main was a complete refutation of prisoner's allegations. Defendant further alleged that he had been a victim of continuous ill-treatment, and had been driven to the stabbing as a last extremity.

Mr. Dovey, having given medical evidence as to the wounds, the hearing was again adjourned.

SPEAKERS AND THE WOOLSACK.

(To the Editor, *Courier* and *Purley Times*.)

Sir,—With reference to Miss Helen M. Cam's reply which appeared in your issue of the 10th instant, to Mr. Hart Maze's letter, which you published on the 3rd idem, concerning Speakers of the House of Commons who became Lord Chancellors of England, I beg to acquaint you that Sir John Mifflin, the Tory Member for Northumberland, who was elected Speaker on the 11th February, 1801, was appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland in 1802 on the death of Lord Clare. Mifflin, afterwards Baron Redesdale, was the last Speaker to be transferred to the Judicial Bench on vacating the Chair. His salary in Ireland was £10,000 per annum, with a retiring pension of £4,000 a year.

Before suspending my pen, I wish to mention that I much enjoyed reading Mr. Hart Maze's entertaining allusion to the Tudor matron's "praiseworthy execution of her spousal duty," and also his copious reference to Sir Richard Rich's sixteen balms! What joyous repasts Rich's breakfasts must have been, with his beaming lady and her brood of merry little girls and lively small boys around his bountiful table—joy never chilled by the awful feeling that somewhere in the neighbourhood the terrible Philip Snowden was lurking with his hungry and ever-open eye on their Daddy's (in-judiciously) big and bulging money bags!

—M. E. T.

London, S.W.

DOLE IN RUSSIA.

WHY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT
ABOLISHED IT.

Further details regarding the Soviet Labour Commissary's decree ordering the suspension of all unemployment doles in Russia show that payment of such doles will only be continued in cases of physical disability, as otherwise the demand for labour, both skilled and unskilled, in connection with the Five-Year Industrialization Plan is big enough to absorb all the unemployed throughout the Soviet Union provided there is a more careful distribution of workers over the areas in which they are needed.

CHANNEL CROSSING.

FROM CAESAR'S TIME TO THE
PRESENT DAY.

SCIENTISTS' CLAIM.

London, Sept. 5.

Caesar crossed the English Channel in 55 B.C. in approximately 5 hours. Miss Gertrude Ederle swam the Channel in August, 1929, in 14 hours and 34 minutes.

A regular Channel steamer completed the crossing in August, 1929, in 51 minutes and 37 seconds. Imperial Airways commercial planes during the 1930 season have averaged 12 minutes in actual flying time over the Channel.

The above times for Channel crossings show what modern transportation has done for man. Caesar, in his 128 man-oared galley, would prove weak competition for Squadron-Leader H. R. D. Waghorn and his championship 1929, 4,000 horse power Schneider Cup aeroplane which could complete the crossing in 3 minutes and 27 seconds.

Caesar left Boulogne following an early luncheon in his galley manned by 64 oars, with two men to an oar, and with the assistance of three large sails arrived on the coast of Kent in time for tea, but, of course, found none ready!

The First Crossing.
No one knows just when the first Channel crossing was made. Scientists claim the English Channel is a comparatively recent geological formation.

They say the land connection between England and the Continent was not finally severed until the later part of the Pleistocene period.

Pre-historic man may have made love, built his home and hunted, where the English Channel, now cuts England away from the Continent.

Since Caesar's first crossing in the summer of 55 B.C., a number of freak crossings have been made. Some of them have advanced safe transportation methods—others have been attempts similar to fiasco or tree sitting and non-stop dancing crazes.

A French engineer, Mathieu, first proposed a Channel tunnel. His idea was, for a time, favourably considered by Napoleon. Since that time dozens of plans—such as ferries for whole trains, bridges, high enough to allow any liner to pass under them, tubes resting on the ocean bed, and tunnels under the sea—have been suggested.

In August, 1875, Capt. Matthew Webb swam the Channel in 21 hours and 45 minutes. He was the first person officially reported to have crossed the Channel by swimming from shore to shore.

Miss Gertrude Ederle was the first woman to make a successful swimming crossing and her time stood as the record until the German baker, Herr Hans Vierkotter, broke it with a swim of 12 hours and 30 minutes.

In 1785, a Frenchman and an Englishman succeeded in crossing in a balloon.

M. Bleriot's feat.
M. Bleriot, in 1909, inaugurated the swiftest modern method by flying the Channel in a heavier-than-air machine. Another Frenchman crossed on an ordinary push-bike, equipped with two light floats. The Spaniard, La Cierva, has made several crossings in his wind-mill-like auto-gyro.

Another adventurer did the double journey on a motor-cycle fitted with floats and propeller gear.

Two Austrian students paddled across in a 14-feet rubber canoe, and another adventurer of the same nationality crossed in a collapsible boat.

A submarine has done the trip as far as the depth of water would permit. The Channel at its mouth, between Ushant and the Scilly Isles, is about 100 fathoms deep, but between Dover and the Continent the depth varies from 15 to 60 fathoms.

Mr. C. W. Mason, of Dover, on August 29, 1930, rowed a punt carrying three children from Dover to Cape Gris-Nez in 7 hours and 30 minutes. After a rest of several hours he started on the return journey at 4.40 p.m. and arrived back at Dover at 1.45 a.m.

There are probably a number of ways which still remain to be tried. One is walking across on a pair of water shoes. Another is tramping over the sea-bottom in diving kit.

Most present-day attempts are made over the 21-mile course from Dover to the Continent. Caesar chose the route from Boulogne to Folkestone, which is 26 miles. He probably landed between Sandgate and Winchelsea on the coast of Kent.

Mrs. Emma Clark, of Wordsworth Road, Stoke Newington N., had a 50s. cheque and £2 in notes snatched from her by a man when she was about to pay the money over the counter of a Kingland (E.) bank and the man escaped after a chase.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-day—St. Andrew's Society Practice dance, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

To-night—R.A.O.C. dance, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Concert in Lee Theatre in aid of the establishment of a laboratory in Hwa Nang College, Ice House Street.

November 27—Ladies' Recreation Club "At Home."

November 28—St. Andrew's Ball, Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

To-day—Central Theatre.

To-day—World Theatre.

To-day—Star Theatre.

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Man and the Moment."

To-night—Violoncello Recital, Middle Adele Clement, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

To-morrow—Theatre Royal—Concert in aid of Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, 9.15 p.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Athos II); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Hector), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from America and ports (Taiyo Maru); from Europe via Nippon (Menesheus); Outward for Europe via Vancouver, B.C., 5 p.m., and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (Empress of Japan).

Meeting.

To-morrow—League of Nations Society inaugural meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.

November 27—At Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

November 28—At 4, Peak Mansions, the Peak, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

GREAT LAKES
MYSTERY.Historic Wreck Thought
to Have Been Found.

Two hundred and fifty years ago an impecunious but adventurous explorer, Rene Robert, Sieur de la Salle, built a boat on the Great Lakes. On it he pinned his hopes of opening a way to the newly-found Mississippi River, but before he reached those distant waters he meant to gather a rich cargo of furs for his boat with which to pay his creditors in Montreal.

The vessel was called Le Griffon. It disappeared in the same year in which it was constructed, 1679, carrying down with it the furs and La Salle's immediate hopes of financial solvency. It was the first commercial vessel on the Great Lakes, and for two and a half centuries its disappearance has been the lakes' greatest mystery.

This mystery, however, is likely soon to be solved. An old wreck lying beneath the waters of Mississippi Strait, Manitoulin Island, is believed to be that of Le Griffon. Local sailors are strongly of this opinion. The Ontario Department of Public Works, which refused to allow an expedition from the United States to salvage the wreck, has now granted permission to three Canadians to undertake the task. The party is fully equipped for the undertaking, and the identity of the wreck will soon be brought to light.

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SPIRITUALISM.

LADY DOYLE TO CARRY ON
WORK.

Lady Conan Doyle, widow of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, told an Evening Standard representative of plans and those of her family concerning the cause of spiritualism to which her late husband devoted the whole of his attention during the later years of his life.

The amount of Sir Conan Doyle's unsettled property is estimated at £30,000 and his settled property at a much larger sum.

He left £500, together with all household effects, pictures, books, and manuscripts, to his wife to be sold as she desired. After several bequests one-half of the remainder is also bequeathed to his wife, with the stipulation that the income is to be paid to her during her life, or half the capital in case of sales.

The other half is to be divided equally between his three younger children.

Step-Daughter's Settlement.

Lady Doyle said:—
"I wish to make it clear that I shall not sell any of the household property, and especially those pictures, manuscripts and books which my late husband loved. They are too precious.

"I also want to make it clear that my step-daughter, Mary, who it is stated, has been left £2,000, had the main part of her settlement made upon her years ago by my husband. As to the future, the whole family will do its utmost to carry on the good work that my husband had to leave.

"Never, as long as there is breath in my body, shall I cease to work for the cause of spiritualism.

Son's Dedication.
"I have been asked whether I shall devote some of the money left to me personally by my husband for this purpose. My answer is that I shall work behind the scenes. I do not like to work in public.

"It has also been asked of me if my husband left a sum running into six figures. On that question also I would prefer to the moment to say nothing. In fact, I cannot say what exactly the amount is.

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I.R.C. PROSPECTS FOR THE "DOUBLE"

PEREIRA'S VICTIMS

CIVIL SERVANTS WEAK IN THE
ATTACK.

UNIVERSITY'S PLIGHT

[By "Second Slip."]

Continuing last week's resume of the prospects of the First Division League Clubs, I intend dealing this week with the Indian Recreation Club, the Civil Service Cricket Club and the University.

Taking the I.R.C. under the microscope we have revealed to us a team of youth and promise. In some circles the I.R.C. are regarded as the strongest combination for the "double"—their first eleven are indisputably strong, and their second eleven have experienced no difficulty in claiming maximum points in their five League matches. Yes, it will be a great fight between the Indians and Craiger-gower.

The I.R.C. at the moment of writing have played four matches; won three; and drawn one. The match which obviously brought out their fighting spirit was that against the Hong Kong Cricket Club on the latter's ground. A. C. Beck had created havoc with the earlier batsmen, and at one point the visitors had lost eight wickets for the low total of 71 runs, yet they managed to compile 169 runs for the loss of another wicket, and thus placed themselves out of the danger of defeat. Two youngsters, A. K. Minu and O. Ismail, stepped into the breach and added 96 runs for the ninth wicket, which is believed to be a local record. Taking the H.K.C.C. attack into consideration and Beck's inspiring spell, this performance was highly creditable and goes to show that the Indians have no "fall."

Their Shock Bowler.

The bowling of the eleven depends to some extent on Pereira, their shock bowler, who sends down perhaps the fastest delivery in the Colony; but in A. R. Minu they have a bowler of distinct promise, as witness his 6 wickets for 29 runs against the Navy on Saturday. Fast as Pereira bowls, he imparts little or no spin on the ball and can only be regarded as dangerous when on a bumping pitch, or when bowling just outside the off-stump. It is, therefore, surprising to find that he has taken thirteen of his fifteen wickets this season by hitting the stumps.

The I.R.C. have a large percentage of their team who are able to bowl, and full use of them is made, yet I cannot help feeling that when a game should be won against the clock, the quick changes may prove detrimental to the club's success. In their four matches they have averaged nearly six bowlers per game and have had only 443 runs scored off their attack. This looks satisfactory on paper, but spectators realise the unnecessary changes that are made though at the same time agreeing with the principle of quick changes.

The fielding of the side is not as quick and nimble as it should be. A youthful side should take more pains in stopping the short runs, and should also back up on the slightest provocation. Many a game is lost on bad fielding.

C.S.C.C. Prospects.

The Civil Service Cricket Club are exceptionally weak in the bowling line this year, though their batting is fairly consistent down to No. 6. G. R. Sayer and J. E. Richardson form an admirable "slow scoring" pair of opening

batsmen. Sayer has seen his best days long ago, but he is still a force to be reckoned with. Richardson, on the other hand, has quite a long career in front of him and with care should develop into a splendid batsman. He has an easy style and a good stance, and if he does not hit the ball hard he knows where it is going, and practice should bring him fours instead of his present singles. F. J. de Rome is another batsman who serves his purpose admirably when in a crisis. I feel that he is a little slow for any of the first three positions in the batting order as League cricket has very restricted hours of play; yet he might prove a great help in wearing down the attack for the later batsmen to hit fiercely, but I don't quite see who else is going to knock up many runs in quick time unless perhaps D. R. Kelly or R. M. Wood get going.

The bowling is definitely weak. If Kelly would only keep his bowling on the off side he would reap a far greater reward than he is doing at the moment. He has a nasty swing which comes very late, and concentrated effort on the off peg would make him a most difficult bowler to play. He is not fast, but fast enough to prevent liberties being taken. The other members of the attack are uninspiring and give little hope for championship honours in the direction of the Civil Service this year. The Club have yet to play their first League match of the season.

The University this year seem to be playing the weakest eleven they have fielded for many years. D. J. N. Anderson has struck a bad patch, and this, I fear, has had a moral effect on the other players. Anderson is a batsman who takes time to settle down and, consequently, is open to attack in his first three or four overs. A little enterprise in the early part of his innings would perhaps bring him more runs, as there is little doubt that he is a polished batsman. A. M. Rodrigues is, perhaps, the most promising recruit. His batting is a delight to watch, his style being so unaffected and free. He is very strong on the leg side and punishes unmercifully the bowler who sends down a loose one on that side. His off driving lacks power as yet, but there is plenty of time for improvement in this direction. A. B. Sulleman and A. Baker may improve as the season progresses, but they must refrain from that disastrous habit of nibbling at the off ball if they are to make many runs.

The bowling is far from being useful. Anderson will probably have to bear the brunt of many a long afternoon in the field. Baker bowls a peculiar delivery, suspiciously like a no-ball, and though he keeps a reasonably good length, he does not strike terror into the batsman. C. W. Lam does offer some ray of hope, as he sends down some first rate deliveries, though these are too often intermingled with balls deserving the severest punishment, and thus proves himself an expensive bowler. If he could master a length, which to a slow bowler is so essential, he might be the cause of more than one side's collapse.

The fielding of the side is both keen and energetic. No short runs are given away, and few catches are dropped in the field.

FOOTBALL QUESTION DISCUSSED.

Hull City Manager's
Opinion.

A BAD POLICY.

Discussing the question of the release of leading soccer players for international matches, Mr. W. McCracken, the Hull Manager, says:

The playing of the match between the English League and the Irish League will bring into prominent view the question of the release of leading players for international matches. It is a bad policy to rob a player of

please all concerned. It is only to be expected that the clubs will view the matter from their own standpoint. Apart from the loss of services, the possible dropping of points, and the vital consequences, there is the prospect of injury to the player.

The "powers" that be are evidently now of opinion that the clubs have a legitimate case, for in this particular match the English League authorities have assured the players called upon. This is a sensible step forward, and the solution of the problem will no doubt be on these lines. It needs to be solved, for no club surely desires to see the player with ambition—and which of them has not—deprived of the opportunity to play for his country, and honour alike to himself and his club. Even from the mercenary view it is a bad policy to rob a player of

SWEEPSTAKE CAUSE OF BRAIN FEVER!

Winners of Irish Sweep
Take Legal Proceedings.
SUED BY HIS WIFE.

Vancouver, Yesterday.
How winning a big sweepstake prize may induce brain fever in the winner's effort to keep his winnings is illustrated in a case in Vancouver, where two brothers won the Irish sweep. The winners, Dave, has instituted friendly actions as "first informers" under the Canadian Criminal Code in order to ensure that his winnings shall be retained by the family. Similarly, Arnold Walker, who sold Dave a ticket, and gets a share of the winnings, has been "sued" by his wife as "first informer."

The income tax may halve Dave's prize, for the Federal regulations entitle the Dominion Government to 48 per cent. of the winnings, while the Government of British Columbia will probably claim another 8 per cent., and possibly the Irish Free State will also claim.—Reuter.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

Hockey.—Today—Y.M.C.A. v. Argyls, King's Park, 5 p.m.
Rugby Football.—Tomorrow—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Kent, 4.15 p.m.

Plag Pong.—Thursday—Lai Yiu-cheuk v. Mok Hing-woon; Lal Pui-lam v. Leung Lin-chuen, Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A., 7.15 p.m.

Racing.—Saturday—Eleventh Extra Race Meeting.

Monday—Entries close for Twelfth Extra Race Meeting, noon.

December 6—Twelfth Extra Race Meeting.

December 8—Entries close for Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting, noon.

December 13—Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting.

December 21—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

January 13—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 15—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

Cricket.—Saturday—Division I.—Craigengower C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Combined Schools (F.); Division II.—Police v. Craigengower C.C. (L.); Royal Signals v. Indian R.C. (L.); Recreation v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.); Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C. (F.).

Football.—Saturday—Lai Wah Cup: Competition—Civilians v. Navy (Club ground); Second Division—Club v. Recreation; Chinese v. Navy; St. Joseph's v. Royal Artillery; Borderers v. University; Argyls v. Eastern; Kowloon v. South China; Third Division—South China v. Chinese; Fukien v. Ewo, Royal Air Force v. R.A.S.C.

Lawn Tennis.—Saturday—Completion of Second Round of "Ladies" Open Doubles Championship.

Golf.—Sunday—Kowloon Golf Club, Junior Championship, qualifying round.

Monday—R.H.K.C.C.—last date for first round of Governor's Shield.

Fencing.—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 6.45 p.m.

Fanning Hunt.—Saturday—At 24th Mile Stone, Castle Peak Road, 4 p.m.

Sunday—Paper Hunt Meet at Potts's Bungalow, 3.15 p.m.

HOME.

Football.—Saturday—English Cup—First Round.

FANLING HUNT.

DATE OF OPENING MEET.

The opening Meet of the Fanning Hunt will be held at the Hunters' Arms, at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, December 13.

Prior to this, there will be short runs in the Pingshan Vale country (Castle Peak) Meets being on—

November 29—At 24th Mile Stone, Castle Peak Road, 4 p.m.

December 6—At 24th Mile Stone, Castle Peak Road, 4 p.m.

It will be possible to accommodate and, forage, ponies at the Tai Lam Artillery Camp, provided that 48 hours' notice is given to the Hunt Secretary (Lieut. H. T. Gould, Royal Artillery Mess, Kowloon).

Owners are advised to send a rug with their ponies.

A Paper Hunt has been arranged by the Fanning Hunt and Race Club to take place on Sunday, November 30. All are asked to meet at Potts's Bungalow, at 3.15 p.m.

AMAZING LAWN TENNIS RESTRICTIONS

AMATEUR STATUS

NIGHT SHARPE HAS NARROW
ESCAPE.

OTHER PARALELS

If it had not been for an after-thought and a telephone call, Mr. Nigel Sharpe would not have been an honoured member of the British lawn tennis team playing against France at Queen's Club, but in disgrace.

For he would have committed the most unspeakable offence in the world of amateur lawn tennis. He would have broken clause b of rule 28 of the Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association, writes an Evening News correspondent. He would have demonstrated the game with someone other than an amateur, without the written permission of the Council.

Mr. Sharpe consented to help a friend, an ex-Army officer, but a professional, Major J. C. S. Rendall. He undertook to play a match with him at a private party, before 500 private guests, at the opening of two new covered courts in St. John's Wood.

Narrow Escape.

"Just in time, Mr. Sharpe remembered Clause b of Rule 28. He rang up the Lawn Tennis Association. Please might he play tennis with his friend Major Rendall, with a number of people looking on? No admission fee was being charged.

The Lawn Tennis Association said "No," very loud and clear. It continues to say "No." It said "No" to me when I asked Mr. H. A. Sabell, the secretary, whether the refusal had been a formal one, and whether this was not the sort of case in which the association, if given sufficient notice, would grant its permission.

"On the contrary," he said, "this is precisely the kind of thing we will not have."

So we may breathe again. The sanctity of the game is inviolate. Mr. Sharpe and others may continue to play Major Rendall at Queen's Club, of which he was made an honorary member, by very special arrangement, when he resigned his ordinary membership on turning professional.

Different Position.

But at St. John's Wood with people looking on, Major Rendall is in an entirely different position.

Let us be thankful that the L.T.A. is not as the M.C.C., which has utterly degraded cricket by permitting Mr. P. G. H. Fender and Jack Hobbs to play in the same team, and does not unfrock Mr. Percy Chapman for standing up to Tate's bowling.

As for the louts of St. Andrews, they allow Mr. Roger Wethered and Mr. Cyril Tolley to play against professionals in exhibition matches for which spectators have to pay as much as half-a-crown.

The L.T.A. permits its members to receive hotel and travelling expenses. There are certain charity shows in which the L.T.A. is prepared, after due deliberation, to allow amateurs to play with professionals.

L.T.A. Object.

But that sort of charity, of course, is quite different from the common charity of giving a helping hand to a friend who is so misguided as to turn professional.

Let us not forget that the first object of the L.T.A. is "To advance and safeguard the interests of the Game" with a capital G. As played by professionals, lawn tennis is, of course, only a game, with a small g.

When I asked Mr. Sharpe what he thought of the Lawn Tennis Association, he replied: "I had better not say."

It did not need such a prohibition as that which attended the efforts of Nigel Sharpe to play an exhibition game with his friend Major Rendall to remind lawn tennis players that the word "Forbidden" is written in large letters across the tennis courts of England, writes H. R. McDonald.

From our youth up we have all of us been shocked by the maniacs of an autocratic govern-

ment. All is well while one is quite content to play lawn tennis in one's own back garden, or in the back garden of a friend; but directly we venture into the open trouble begins.

It may happen, for instance, that the man who lives next door, the girl who lives next door, may feel that it would be better for the tennis of all concerned if a court was rented on the local playing fields and a little club formed.

This is the time chosen by the Lawn Tennis Association to step in and say in effect: "You are not a club at all in our view until you are at least 20 strong. Moreover, we reserve the right to approve your rules, to insist on the holding of an annual meeting, and the appointment of a committee of management."

Restrictions.

But if we form our club on these lines and fulfil all the requirements of the L.T.A., we cannot affiliate direct, but must do so through one of the county associations for the honour of having us among its members. We have no voice in the government of the game beyond permission to attend the annual meeting and help to choose someone to represent the county on a council whose deliberations are carried on behind closed doors.

To the ordinary member of the small suburban club, the folk who take their tennis on public courts, and the huge throng who have built up Wimbledon with their admission fees, these restrictions may not be a matter of any moment. But when, greatly daring, a youngster of ambitions decides to seek his fortunes in the tournaments, he soon learns more about this game of the free.

Side Bets.

At every meeting he plays at 2s. is added to the entrance fees for the benefit of the L.T.A. coffers. Why and for what?

When in the heat of the moment a man calls across the net to an old friend he has run up against in a tournament—"Let's have half a crown on the last set"—his status as an amateur is in grave danger. But I could tell of many stars who have backed themselves and others to win championships.

If your tennis enthusiasm by force of circumstances should earn his living by playing football, cricket, or any other game, he must not play in an open tennis tournament. Thus Jack Hobbs, who has played with the vicar of his parish in the Badminton Championships, must not partner his son in a local tennis meeting; Grenville Morris, the Nottingham coal merchant, who is a splendid tennis player, cannot play for his county at tennis because years ago he was a professional member of the Notts Forest football team. On Thin Ice.

All these restrictions are so involved that no one who plays lawn tennis really knows where they are. If I set up as a lawn tennis coach my amateur status goes, but if I get a job at a school to do precisely the same thing, it is all right so long as I spend an hour or so each day minding one of the forms.

If I am a star turn at the game and a tournament committee want my name to attract spectators to the meeting, they cannot put me up at the local hotel; but if the chairman likes to invite me to stay at his house free of all charge, with the use of his cars and his wines, I am a person; gratis with the lawn tennis powers.

It is all too ridiculous for words. But the height of folly seems to be reached when it is expressly laid down in the rules of the L.T.A. that a player's name or initials must not be placed on a racket unless he makes it or sells it himself. They evidently want veritable people in the higher lawn tennis.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

CLUB "A" v. H.M.S. KENT
TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the Club "A" v. H.M.S. Kent to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.—

Sargant, C. J. D. Law, G. A. L. Plummer, J. W. King, W. D. Johnson, Allers, J. L. Bonnar (captain), W. F. Leckie, Mitford, W. F. Peers, W. Hartley, E. R. West, G. F. Rees, W. L. Andrews and E. F. Butcher. Referee: C. E. Holmes.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. PLAY ARGYLLS
TO-DAY.

The following team has been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club against the Argyls and Sutherland Highlanders at King's Park to-day at 5 p.m.—
F. Cope, G. F. Rees, A. R. Brown, G. Mitchell, F. Allen, F. S. W. Smith, A. Tole, G. Kearns, F. R. Ashton, J. Smith and T. J. Price.

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INWARD MAILED

From TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
 Straits Cremer
 Calcutta and Straits Sui Sang
 Batavia Tjikarang
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.
 Shanghai and Swatow Oostkerk
 U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Oct. 30) Taiyo Maru
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
 Europe via Negapatnam (Letters only London October 23) Menestheus
 Japan Rio de Janeiro Maru
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.
 Europe via Negapatnam (Papers only, London, October 30) Hong Peng
 Japan and Shanghai Hakozaki Maru
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
 U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Oct. 31) President Garfield
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30.
 Manila Pres. Taft
 Dairen and Amoy Tjisalak
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 1.
 U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Nov. 3) Chichibu Maru

OUTWARD MAILED

For TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
 Formosa Asuka Maru 3.30 p.m.
 Samshui and Wuchow Kong Ning 4 p.m.
 Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Hector (Due Marseilles, Dec. 24.)
 K.P.O. G.P.O.
 Registration Nov. 25, 4.30 p.m. Registration Nov. 25, 5 p.m.
 Letters 4.30 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
 Swatow 5 p.m.
 Amoy 5 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.
 Straits Lancashire 10 a.m.
 Amoy Tjikarang 10 a.m.
 Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg Oldenburg 1.30 p.m.
 Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. Empress of Japan (Due Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 12.)
 Shanghai & Europe via Siberia Parcels Nov. 26, 3 p.m.
 Registration Nov. 26, 4.15 p.m.
 Letters 5 p.m.
 Empress of Japan 5 p.m.
 Registration Nov. 26, 5 p.m.
 Letters 5 p.m.
 Tainan 3.30 p.m.
 Koehow 4 p.m.
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
 Holow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
 Sandakan Mau Sang 10.30 a.m.
 Swatow Hydrangea 3 p.m.
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.
 Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa and South American Ports Rio de Janeiro Maru 9.30 a.m.
 Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hal Yang 1 p.m.
 Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Hakozaki Maru (Due Marseilles, Dec. 27.)
 K.P.O. G.P.O.
 Registration Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m. Registration Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
 Letters 4.30 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
 Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco Pres. Taft (Due San Francisco December 23.)
 Parcels 3 p.m.
 Registrations 4.15 p.m.
 Letters 5 p.m.

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DELIGHTS OF A VIVARIUM.

Lizard and Regrowth of Tails.

CURIOUS RESEARCH.

Before the war, before several wars, in point of fact, before the little Franco-Prussian affair, there was a fashion in Britain, writes "Eland" in the Siam Observer. The land was like the globe, divided up between land and water. Anyone with an approach to ton had to have either an aquarium or a vivarium, just as to-day you must have an aspidochelone or a rubber plant. The aquaria were usually stocked with gold-fish, though the more patriotic kept things of the home breed such as sticklebacks, or newts, they called the latter "askels" down my way, and everyone swore they were poisonous. But generally they were rather messy things, prone to be neglected, and their inmates left to perish. It was rather different with the vivaria. Those you could cultivate moss or ferns in, and keep frogs, lizards, snakes, butterflies and all sorts of things and learn a good deal of natural history thereby. And they were certainly much less trouble to look after than were the aquaria for various reasons.

In The Tropics. The aquarium, difficult to look after at home, seems even more so in the tropics. But the vivarium is really a delight here, as the variety of things you can keep in it is great. And it is not difficult to make, with four pieces of plate glass, some wire gauze, some sheet zinc and a little wood. It is an excellent thing to cultivate minute botanical specimens in and there is a positive host of the smaller insects and animals whose habits and ways can be readily observed in it, so that it seems rather curious why so few people keep them. At any rate during a fairly long residence here I have only seen two or three, and even then they seemed to be decidedly neglected.

The reason why I mention this is because I wanted to find out something about the regrowth of lizards' tails—I mean those of our domestic friend and benefactor, the little gecko known as the chin-chok. For some reason or other the little animals in my domicile seemed to have a sort of epidemic of taillessness. It mattered not what size they were, it seemed that they all of them lost their caudal appendages. I have never discovered the cause of this, but I have found out one thing, and that is, that it takes them, whatever their age, sex or size the best part of two months before the new tail is symmetrical with the rest of the animal—doesn't look like a misfit, if you put it that way.

Tailless Lizards. I started off with observing three of varied size who had one and all emulated the animals of Little Bo Peep, and had obviously been abbreviated quite recently. In no case did they show any sign of growing a new tail for about three weeks, when it began to shoot forth. At first it was almost transparent and pinky-hued, and looked to be oily on the surface but it gradually deepened in hue. It grew at the rate of about half an inch a week in the case of a full-grown chin chok and at about the same pace in proportion with the younger ones. In each case it did not begin to get mottled with the same hues as the rest of the lizard.

I was rather interested to know how often this growth of a new tail would repeat itself, and though I don't know how many times this will really happen I know it will twice: One lizard I was observing, just as its new tail had attained its full development got it bitten off again, just behind its hind legs. In about seven weeks it had a complete new one. I suppose it was rather wicked of me, but I amputated that one. I was rather surprised to note that the third tail seemed to grow far

A WORLD-WIDE APPEAL.

The Mother of Hospitals.

TO EXTEND BARTS.

The Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew, London, known the world over as Barts, which has been in existence for eight centuries, is now making its first universal public appeal for assistance to carry out the great scheme of reconstruction and extension upon which it has embarked.

The initial stage of this scheme has been completed by the opening of the new surgical block, which incorporates the most modern ideas in hospital design, including a gallery screened with glass, from which students can watch operations with the minimum risk of introduction of bacteria from outside.

But a vast amount remains to be done for the modernisation of Barts, and it is imperative that a large sum of money should be donated to this noble institution, which can justly be described as the mother of hospitals among the English-speaking nations of the world, and also as the cradle of modern medical teaching and science.

This is certainly not an ordinary hospital appeal. Barts is a national possession, with a history and traditions unparalleled in the medical annals of any country. Barts has its site in London, but its influence and activities have extended for generations to the uttermost parts of the earth. Practically all the most vital discoveries in connection with the science of medicine have been made by men who studied at Barts, and it is equally true to say that the methods adopted there have been followed as closely as possible by institutions of healing in every civilised country. At the present moment there are 4,000 doctors and an army of nurses, now serving the country and the Empire as specialists, who received their training at Barts.

The Concern of Colonies. These are a few of the reasons why it can be said with truth that this is not an ordinary hospital appeal. One other reason worthy of mention is that more than half the patients in Barts come from outside the London area. They come from all over the British Isles and even from the Dominions and Colonies, so that this appeal is just as much the concern of Yorkshire, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales as it is of every town in the country, and of every Colony and Protectorate, and of the men and women in every out-post of our Empire.

One way of helping is to name a bed, which means a donation of £1,000. Only 75 out of 740 beds at Barts have been thus named. True, times are hard, but it is a fact that last year—taking only bequests of over £100,000—419 persons left between them a total sum of £108,000, of which less than 1 per cent. was left to charities.

It becomes obvious, therefore, that British citizens still possess a sufficiency of means to see to it that the splendid work which has been carried on at Barts since the days of Henry I. shall not suffer or be impeded at the present time through lack of adequate financial support. The great majority are not in a position to name beds, but there are tens of thousands who will doubtless feel their duty to subscribe something in response to what is undoubtedly an exceptional appeal on behalf of one of the most historic institutions the world has ever known.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
 Bank, wire 1/2 15/16
 Bank, on demand 1/2 15/16
 Bank, on demand 1/3 1/16
 Credits, 4 months' sight 1/3 3/4
 Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/3 3/4
 On Paris—
 On demand 770
 Credits, 4 months' sight 810
 On New York—
 On demand 30 3/4
 Credits, 60 days' sight 31 3/4
 On Bombay—
 Wire 84
 On demand 84
 On Calcutta—
 Wire 84
 On demand 84
 On Singapore—
 On demand 53 3/4
 On Manila—
 On demand 61
 On Shanghai—
 On demand Tls. 78 1/2
 Dollar 7 1/4 % dis.
 On Yokohama—
 On demand 60 %
 Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/3 9/16
 Silver (per oz.) 16 1/2
 Bar Silver in Hong Kong Par.
 Copper Cash Nominal
 Copper Cents 3 % prem.
 Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2 % p.a.
 Chinese Sub. Coin 24 1/2 % dis.
 Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.
 Paris 123.62 1/2
 New York 4.85 19/32
 Brussels 34.83 3/4
 Geneva 25.66
 Amsterdam 12.06 1/2
 Milan 92.76 1/2
 Berlin 20.37
 Stockholm 18.09 1/2
 Copenhagen 18.16
 Oslo 34.49 1/2
 Vienna 163 3/4
 Prague 193
 Helsingfors 43.45
 Madrid 108.25
 Lisbon 375
 Athens 818
 Bucharest 4 11/16
 Rio 58 3/4
 Buenos Aires 39 1/2
 Montevideo 1/8 3/4
 Bombay 1/7
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 Yokohama 2/0 17/32
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FASCISM.

"ITALY BEING DRIVEN TO BANKRUPTCY."

Signor Sardelli, speaking at the International Transport Workers' Congress at Caxton Hall, Westminster, declared that the financial and economic position of Italy was as bad as it possibly could be, and Fascism was driving the country to bankruptcy.

Fascism meant danger for democracy. It rejected all freedom for the citizens and destroyed all that had been achieved by the working-class movement.

Murderers in Italy were not punished, but were given high official positions. Even Conservatives who did not support Fascism had been persecuted.

The trade unions were slowly rebuilding their organisation, although the work had to be done slowly, and it was not possible to speak publicly of all the methods adopted to re-establish trade unionism. Manifestos and pamphlets were being circulated among the workers, and recently an aeroplane was sent to Milan to distribute propaganda leaflets.

It was decided that the headquarters of the International should remain at Amsterdam. The next congress two years hence will be held in Prague.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 25th Nov., 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Norm.	Fin. Year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1000	Dec.				Interim 23 s/a 1930 ex. 1931-1932 Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank	10	Dec.				Interim 7 s/a 1930-1931 Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	27 1/2	Dec.				Interim 2 1/2 s/a 1930-1931 Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	114	Dec.				8 s/a 1929 Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1145	Dec.				Final 27 s/a 1929-1930 May 15, 30
Union Ins.	491	Dec.				Interim 18 s/a 1929-1930 May 15, 30
*China Underwriters	3.15	Dec.				None
China Fire Ins.	400	Dec.				Final 20 bonus 80 s/a 1929-1930 May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	1140	Dec.				Interim 18 s/a 1929-1930 Mar. 26, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	26 1/2	Dec.				Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboats	31 1/2	Dec.				81 s/a 1929 Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Prel.)	40	Dec.				12 s/a ex. 2 1/2 s/a preferred for 1929-1930 June 19, 29
(Ccl.)	30	Dec.				Last dividend for 1929
Shell Transports	78 1/2	Dec.				Interim 2 s/a 1929-1930 Pending
Union Waterboats	35	Dec.				81 s/a 1929 Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet	8 1/2	Dec.				Interim 15 bonus 5 s/a 1929-1930 Sept. 30, 30
Kailan Mining Ad. s/a	35 1/2	Dec.				Interim 1 s/a 1929-1930 June — 30
Langkat	8 1/2	Dec.				Coupon No. 27 year 30-31 May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration	1	Dec.				None
*Loans	6 1/2	Dec.				Interim T. 2 s/a 1930 July 1, 30
*Raubs	31.60	Dec.				Interim 11 s/a 1929-1930 Pending
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves	178 1/2	Dec.				8 s/a 1929 Mar. 12, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	5.85	Dec.				Last dividend for 1929
*China Provident (old)	5.40	Dec.				Last dividend for 1929
(new)	2.00	Dec.				Interim T. 2 s/a 1930 Sep. 12, 30
Hongkew	281	Dec.				T. 2 s/a 1929-1930 Feb. 25, 30
N. Engineering	7.10	Dec.				T. 2 s/a 1929-1930 July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	119 1/2	Dec.				T. 2 s/a 1929-1930
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	11 1/2	Dec.				80 cents for 1929 Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old)	83	Dec.				Last dividend for 1929
(new)	81 1/2	Dec.				Interim 2 s/a 1930 Aug. 8, 30
*Rights	20 1/2	Dec.				Interim T. 3 s/a 1930 July 31, 30
Shanghai Lands	319	Dec.				80 cents for 1929 May 7, 30
Humphreys	16 1/2	Dec.				Interim 30 cents s/a 1930 Sep. 4, 30
H. K. Realities	9.35	Dec.				8 s/a year 28-29 July 31, 30
Chinese Estates	37	Dec.				
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	12.20	Dec.				Final T. 4 s/a 1929 Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton	32	Dec.				T. 2 s/a for half year 31-10-30 Pending
Zoong Sings	9 1/2	Dec.				T. 2 s/a for year 30-31 Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	17.00	Dec.				Interim 40 cents s/a 1930 Aug. 27, 30
Peak Trams (old)	14	Dec.				80 cents on old for year 30-31 June 10, 30
(new)	6 1/2	Dec.				80 cents on new 30-31 Feb. 14, 30
Star Ferries	88 1/2	Dec.				84 for 1929 Pending
*China Light (old)	20.70	Dec.				Final 50 s/a s/a yr. 30-31 Mar. 12, 30
(new)	26.80	Dec.				
H. K. Electric	89 1/2	Dec.				82 s/a for 1929
Macao	38	Dec.				
Sandakan Light	11 1/2	Dec.				None
H.K. Tels. fully paid	33 1/2	Dec.				Int. (40 cents) s/a 1930 Aug. 1, 30
part paid	22.90	Dec.				110 cents for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
China Burs	18	Dec.				11 1/2 on preference shares (subject to income tax) Feb. 6, 30
S'port (Traction) (Ord.)	7 1/2	Dec.				
(Pref.)	10 1/2	Dec.				
Industrials.						
China Sugars	75 1/2	Dec.				In Liquidation
Malayan Sugars	37	Dec.				P. 2 for 1929 Apr. 11, 30
Cald. Macg. Ord.	108	Dec.				17 s/a 1929 Apr. 30, 30
*Cement (old)	3.80	Dec.				7 months 1929
(new)	3 1/2	Dec.				None
*Cement (cont.)	18 1/2	Dec.				80 cents on old for 1929 Mar. 19, 30
(old)	19 1/2	Dec.				80 cents on new
(new)	5.20	Dec.				
H. K. Ropes	10.70	Dec.				Last dividend for 1929
United Asbestos	6	Dec.				
Stores, &c.						
Daily Farm C/O	27.15	Dec.				81 s/a for 1929 Mar. 14, 30
*X/R	24.80	Dec.				
*Rights	9 1/2	Dec.				70 cents for year 31-10-29 Mar. 31, 30
Watsons	12 1/2	Dec.				
Der A Wings	1	Dec.				
Lane Crawford	3.70	Dec.				Last dividend for year 28-29
Mackintosh	10	Dec.				82 for year 28-29 May 15, 30
Singora	11.60	Dec.				
Wm. Powells	2.85	Dec.				20 cents for year 28-29 June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	23	Dec.				82 s/a preferred for year 31-10-30 Sept. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment	11 1/2	Dec.				
H. K. Constructions	4 1/2	Dec.				None
B. Ind. G. Bonds	60 1/2	Dec.				
H. K. Govt. Loans	51 1/2	Dec.				Interest half yearly
*Speculative shares.						

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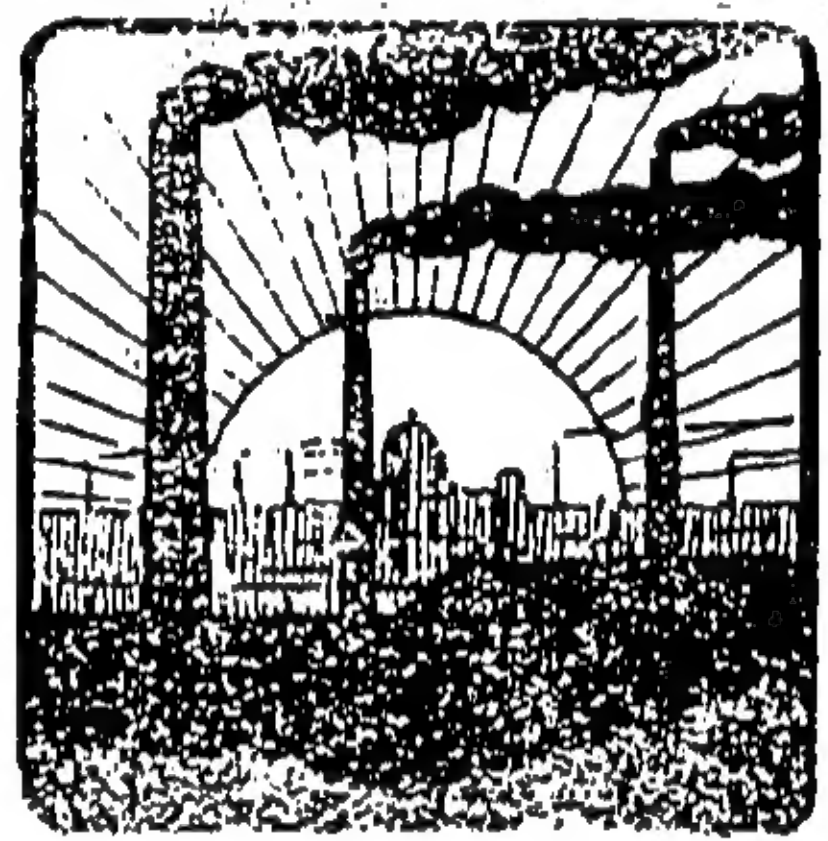
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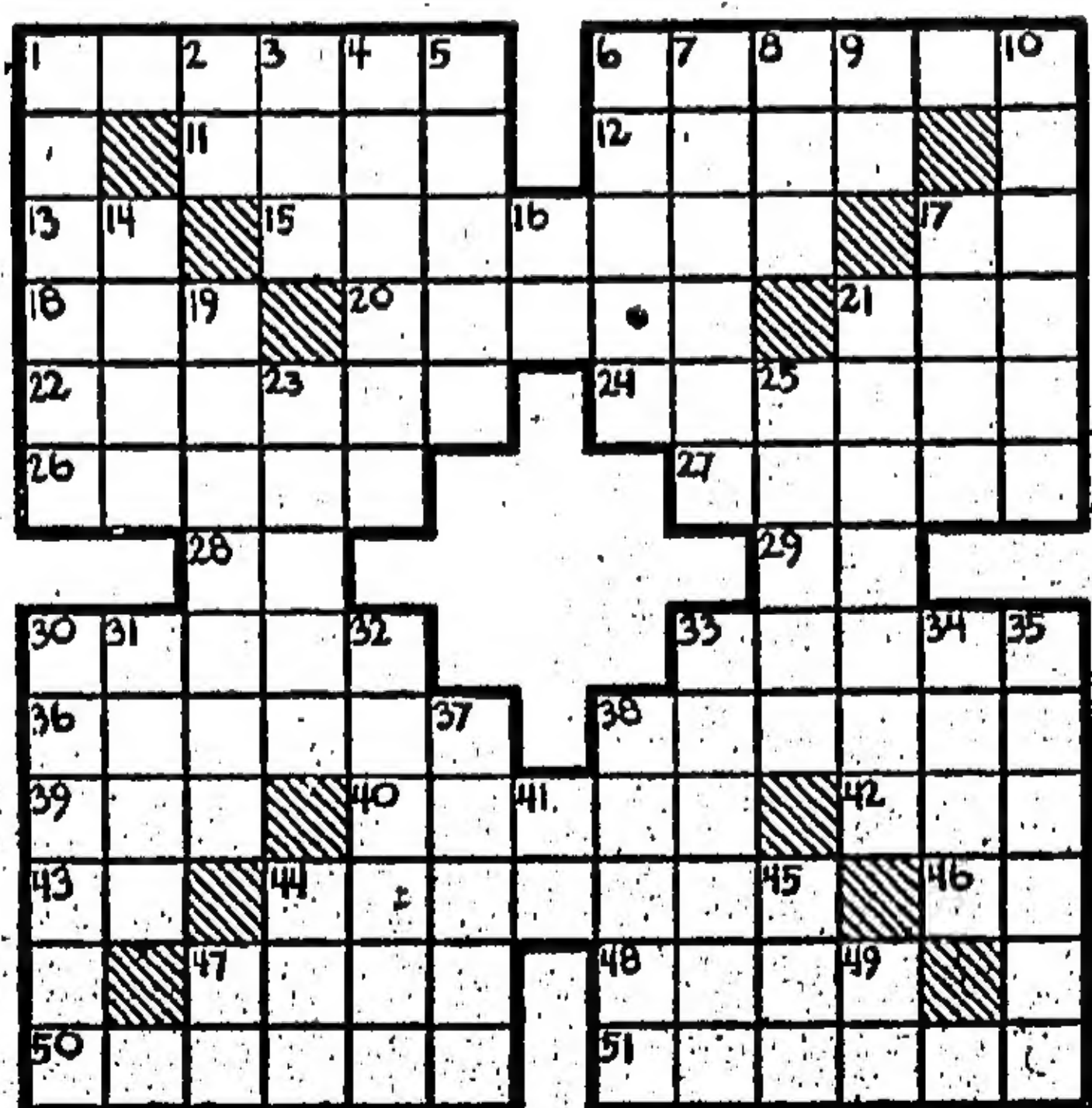
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and al'ho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- Madam (Fr.)
 - Savory
 - A compass
 - Opp holes
 - Farther
 - Feminine of "Tear"
 - Musical note
 - Cover
 - Trap
 - Organ of hearing
 - Cancelled
 - Free from faults
 - An ecclesiastical council
 - Amount
 - Measure of weight (abbr.)
 3. Atlantic State of U. S. (abbr.)
 - Bottom of legs
 - Reaper
 - In quick time (Mus.)
 - Combining form, iron
 - Adonai (abbr.)
 - Syll
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- City in north extremity of Palestine
 - Softly, loosely, an oil
 - No date (abbr.)
 - A nurse for children (Anglo-Ind.)
 - Any, intoxicating drink
 - Indian huts
 - An excuse for non-appearance, as in court
- VERTICAL**
- Province of Canada (abbr.)
 - Breezy
 - Egyptian sun god
 - Swung loosely
 - Exasperated
 - Inflamed skin (pl.)
 - Urged
 - A new shoot on a plant
 - Verbal
 - Stripes
 - Horsemen
 - Islands off Irish coast
 - City of England
 - Amidavita
 - Reassured
 - Build, measure
 - Holy Mother Church (Lat. abbr.)
 - Code distress signal
 - A month (abbr.)
 - Depart
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- A tree (pl.)
 - A degree (abbr.)
 - A little island
 - Assembled
 - African antelope
 - Steeple
 - Photograph
 - Quick letter, g

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:-

5 p.m.—European Programme of Records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie & Co.
Gypsy Baron (Strauss), Ferd. Kauffman & Orchestra (35851).
Pagliacci—Fantasy (Leoncavallo), Marek Weber & His Orch. (35998).
La Traviata—Potpourri (Verdi), Marek Weber & His Orch. (V-50015).
La Boheme—Fantasia (Puccini), Victor Symphony Orchestra (35871).

5.35 p.m.—
Without you Sweetheart, In my Bouquet of Memories, Gene Austin, Tenor (21874).
Ginger Snaps, Danse Bagatelle, Victor Novelty Orchestra (22201).

How about Me? I'm sorry Sally, Morton Downey, Tenor (21806).

Some of these days, Moanin' Low, Sophie Tucker, Comedienne (22049).

Dixie, Maryland, My Maryland, Victor Male Chorus (21919).
Jack of all Trades, Bud Billings, Tenor (21689).
Where the shy little violets grow, When Summer is gone, Jesse Crawford, Organist (21876).

I'm only making believe, The right kind of Man, Welcome Lewis, Comedienne (22126).

It's unanimous Now, That's where you come in, Chick Eder, Comedian (22151).

Oh Man River, The Revellers (Male) (21241).
My Mother's eyes, When the curtain comes down, G. Jessel, Dramatic Baritone (21852).

Where is the song of songs for me? Lupe Velez, Contralto (21982).
A Hunting Scene, Victor Concert Band (22044).
The Mill in the Forest, Monastery Bells, Victor Concert Band (22096).

7.05 p.m.—Orchestral.
Russian Bazaar—Medley of Waltzes, Russian Inn, Kiriloff's Orchestra (35826).
Dance of the Hours (Puccini), Victor Symphony Orchestra (35833).

Die Fledermaus—Overture (Strauss), Victor Symphony Orchestra (35959).
Dreams of Schubert—Medley Waltzes, Hungarian Rhapsody Orch. (35925).

Irish Rhapsody (Victor Herbert), Victor Symphony Orchestra (35977).
Manhattan Serenade (Astor), Victor Salon Orchestra (35914).

8 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre relay.
9 p.m.—Weather Report.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

SHORT WAVE.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN ANTWERP.

In July last an international congress of short-wave transmitting amateurs was held in Antwerp. There were participants from nearly all European countries. Especially England and France were strongly represented.

The main feature of this congress was to determine the best way to promote the interests of amateurs at the forthcoming radio-conference in Copenhagen and Madrid. Attention was drawn to the fact that at the radio conference at the Hague in September, 1929 the amateurs were only represented by Mr. K. B. Warner and that it was highly desirable for the various countries involved to indicate their wishes. Elaborate discussions were held to find out whether it was necessary to operate on the wavelength of amateurs. Endeavours were made to increase the number of "standard frequency stations" in Europe to enable amateurs to accurately check their wavelength. It is advisable to use the wave-metre designed by the technical department of the "Union Internationale de Radiodiffusion" and to have it regularly checked every year. Moreover, it was stated that the checking-station of the U.I.R. regularly checks the amateur transmissions and communicates any deviations to the amateurs.

The general opinion prevailed that it is necessary to restrict the telephony transmissions as much as possible. It was decided to use telephony only in case a new modulation-system was tested and then merely by way of change from telephony.

Another point of discussion was whether it is desirable to have crystal-controlled amateur transmitters. In consideration of the fact that the correct wavelength is adhered to as much as possible. Some members were of the opinion that the power of crystal-controlled amateur transmitters must be increased.

The various problems will be further dealt with the representatives in the assembly of amateurs in their own countries. Copyright 1930.

AN ADVENTURE.

RAMBLES IN A RADIO VALVE.

We had the privilege of meeting an electron which had just escaped from the anode current. He started telling us of his adventures in the radio-valve, which for a long time had been his abode.

"We lived happily in the land of 'Filament.' Our diligent nation comprised many milliards of inhabitants and there was not the slightest discord among them. Everybody lived with his family in an atom, and the members of each family used to gather round the fire, which attracted them very strongly. Our country could boast a hundred million towns which, by the way, were all populated by the same elements.

"Science in our country was up to a high standard. Especially in astronomy we had made great strides. Our astronomers had, with the aid of powerful telescopes, observed a remarkable celestial phenomenon which was seen as rods of enormous dimensions running across the sky like rainbows. They called this the grid.

"According to these same scientists, the universe in which we dwell was not infinite, for upon examining a photographic plate which had been exposed for hours by means of the gigantic telescope, they believed they could detect distinct traces of a tremendous plate which surrounded our universe.

"The astronomers called this plate the 'anode.'
"This by way of introduction" said the genial electrode, which was very much occupied on account of the privations it had suffered. "I will now tell you something about the terrible catastrophe which befell our dear country.

"One evening as we sat playing bridge, I said to my partner: 'Don't you think it's getting very hot here all of a sudden?' 'Yes,' he replied, 'Now you mention it, I notice the same thing myself!' 'What then happened I shall never forget as long as I live, it was so awful that I have scarcely been in my right mind ever since.

"The heat increased with tremendous rapidity. The floor and walls began to glow. We ran to the roof, which had also started glowing, and, with the strength of despair, we jumped into space! We found that we were not the only ones who had suffered disaster; on our journey we collided with an entire stratum of fellow-citizens who had also endeavoured to escape by jumping into space.

"The strange thing was that we did not all fall back on to our poor country, which lay as a red-hot desert beneath us.

"Our scientists told us later on that the disaster was caused by the so-called filament current being switched on.

"Instead of falling back, we were attracted by a mysterious power and soared higher and higher. We rose with vertiginous speed, our country gradually began to disappear until we could see nothing more than a red-hot line.

"Now and then we had to endure violent impacts due to collisions with celestial bodies wandering through space; these, as I was told later on, were gas molecules.

"Having thus been borne along for some time, we noticed that the bow of the 'grid,' as the scientists call it, assumed an entirely different appearance and looked like rods of enormous thickness which closed our horizon. Suddenly our speed increased still more, but alas, some of us came to an untimely end on the bars of the grid. We were again carried higher and higher.

"Finally, after a journey, lasting several weeks, we fell on to the anode with a terrific crash...."

Our strange new acquaintance had suddenly disappeared.

Perhaps he will tell us next time, if we meet him again, something more about his terrible adventure. Copyright 1930.

HIGH-POWER.

FOR THE IRISH FREE STATE.

An order has been placed with Messrs. Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited, Marconi House, Strand, London, W.C.2, for a high-power broadcasting transmitter to be erected in a central position in the Irish Free State, in order to serve the whole country. The power of the new transmitter, which it is expected will be ready for operation by the end of next year, will be 60 kw., but arrangements have been made for the aerial energy to be doubled at a later date, if desired. It is understood that the wave-length used will be 428 metres. —Engineering.

FOR FOOTBALL FANS

URUGUAY-ARGENTINE MATCH IN MONTEVIDEO STADIUM.

It does not often happen that keen football enthusiasts in Europe have an opportunity to see the famous Uruguay and Argentine teams. The play of these South-Americans is shown to full advantage when these two teams are playing together.

In July last there a championship match was played by these two teams in Montevideo. The stadium, which can seat 85,000 people, was totally sold out. The match was followed with keen interest and won by Uruguay.

Before the match and during the interval the crowd was entertained by music of a Philips "Voice of the Giant" installation. The loud-speakers were installed on the "tower of honour" of the stadium. The reproduction given by this installation was highly appreciated by both Press and public. The CX6 transmitter in Montevideo broadcasted a report of this important match. Copyright 1930.

NEW TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMITTER.

Up to now radio-telegraphic communication between Denmark and abroad took place via a number of transmitters, situated in Seeland, i.e. at Lyngby and Sor. Within a year all these stations will be closed down and all Danish radio-telegrams will be attended to by a central station at Skamlebaek at about 100 kilometres' distance from Copenhagen. The erection of this transmitter is progressing with rapid strides. The roof has already been constructed and the transmitters are being installed. Seven aerial-towers will be built, in addition to a special aerial-mast for the short-wave transmitter. The aerial masts will be entirely made of wood and will be 100 metres high.

The experimental transmissions are to be expected at the end of 1930. The transmitter will be officially put into service in the spring of 1931.

There will be a total number of 10 to 12 transmitters in Skamlebaek. Moreover, there will also be a short-wave transmitter operating on a power of 2 kilowatts. The broadcasting will also include news items and weather reports. Copyright 1930.

HOW A STUDIO IS EQUIPPED.

The WENR transmitter in Chicago is one of the most modernly equipped stations in the world. The transmitter works on a power of kilowatts and is a great favourite in the United States. The station is the property of the "Great Lakes Broadcasting Co." The studios which have been specially equipped for this transmitter, are situated in the top three storeys of the new opera building in Chicago. The offices of this station are on the first storey.

The large studio is on the 42nd storey. This studio measures 17 x 10 x 6 metres. The entire arrangement looks like a winter-garden.

The walls of the hall are painted in a modern design. The illumination comprises thirty-two 300-watt lamps and fourteen fittings with 200-watt lamps, fitted to the side-walls.

Apart from two grand-pianos there is the key-board of a Wurritz organ. The control-room is separated from the studio by a glass-pane. There are also various smaller studios in this building.

HAUNTED POOL.

GRAVE OF SIXTEEN VICTIMS.

Strange stories of the unnatural have from time to time appeared in the Press; stories of stone throwing, plate smashing and other phenomena which are all too readily attributed to 'ghosts' and gain strength and currency according to credibility of the source from which they emanate, says the Malayan Daily Express.

But the strangest of these "spook" stories is the one that reaches this office via a letter from a gentleman who has "turned believer," and has reference to a paragraph which appeared in the issue of October 11, in connection with the death of a Chinese who was drowned in a pond near the junction of Bate and Maxwell Roads.

He says that the unfortunate man was not a fitter but a special apprentice named John Leong Kin-koek who was educated at St. Xavier's Institution, Penang, and was an expert swimmer who was known to him intimately.

The deceased, he adds, was "about 21 years of age and certainly was a swimmer. He would certainly be about the last person to have wished to get into the pond as he knew only too well that a young railway

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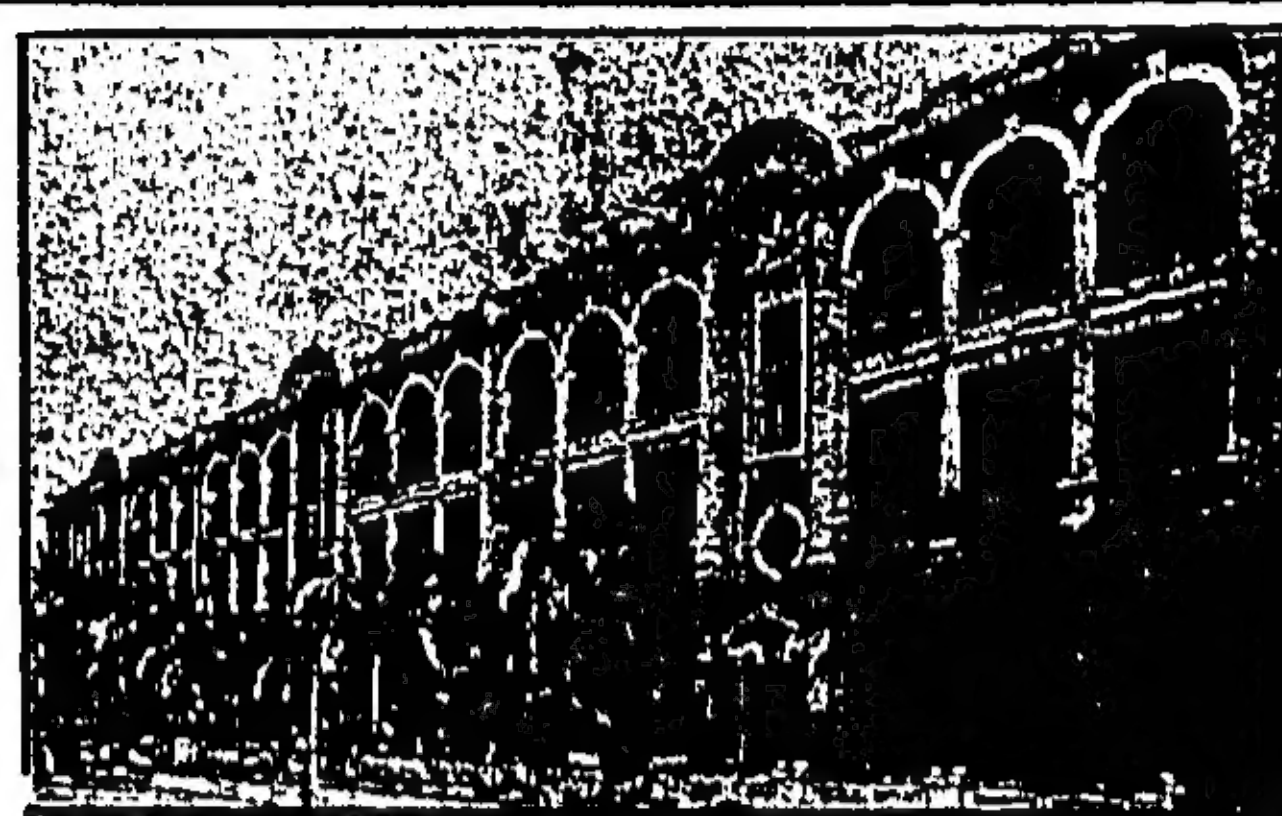
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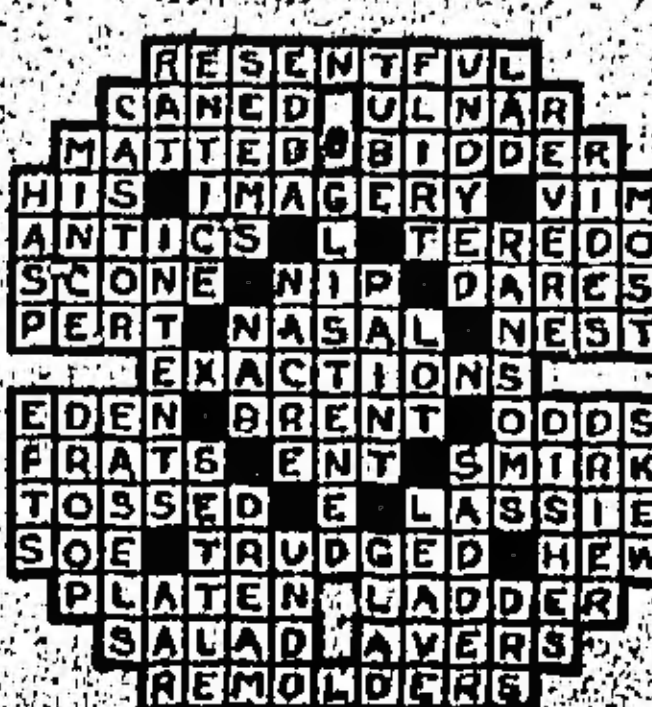
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U.S. POLITICS.

SUSPENSION OF ALL IMMIGRATION.

Liquor Law Revision.
Washington, Yesterday.
The suspension of all "immigra-
tion" until July, 1933, except im-
mediate relatives of persons
already in the United States, is
being proposed by Senator Reed
at the next session of Congress in
order to relieve unemployment.

The Federation of Labour states
that it is supporting the proposal.
A New York message says the
Labour leader, Mr. John Sullivan,
announces the formation of a La-
bour Committee representing ten
thousand workers, to demand a
modification of the liquor law at
the next Congress, in order to per-
mit the manufacture of beer con-
taining two and three quarters
per cent. alcohol, on the ground
that it will provide work for a
million and a half unemployed per-
sons.—Reuter's American Service.

SHANSI TURMOIL.

VIRTUAL STATE OF WAR IN EXISTENCE.

FENG'S MOVEMENTS.

Peking, Yesterday.
A foreigner who has returned
from South Shansi states that a
virtual state of war exists there.
About eight Nanking divisions
are massed south of the Yellow
River, ready to cross if the order
be given to invade Shansi, while
Feng-Yu-hsiang has 50,000 troops,
well-equipped and of high morale,
in the vicinity of the north bank.
Nanking aeroplanes are con-
tinually raiding the villages hop-
ing to bomb Feng, but he con-
tinually shifts his headquarters,
so that very few persons know
where he is actually quartering.
It is understood that Chang
Hueh-liang has been given the
task of clearing up the Shansi
situation and there are still hopes
of a settlement without further
fighting.—Reuter.

Ernest Edward Jones, who entered
the Navy from the Marine So-
ciety's training ship Wasp in 1919,
was in London presented with
the society's sword on being pro-
moted to the rank of gunner in the
Navy.

FIGHTING PLANES.

DESIGNED TO MEET HIGH BOMBING ATTACKS.

BRITISH ACTIVITIES.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Britain's air fighting forces are
being largely re-equipped under a
scheme which is being carried out
during the next fifteen months.
The Hawker Engineering Com-
pany has received an Air Ministry
contract for two hundred of the
fastest service aeroplanes, most of
which are a fighting type specially
designed to meet high bombing at-
tacks, their Rolls Royce engines
being supercharged to give them
an extraordinarily high speed.
The maximum speed is approxi-
mately 200 miles an hour.
British aeroplane factories have
also several large orders from
other Governments in hand at
present, including that of the
Belgian Government received by
the Fairey Aviation Company, and
one from the Greek Government.
It is estimated that British fac-
tories are producing more ma-
chines for world Governments
than all the other manufacturing
countries put together.—British
Wireless Service.

ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

ADVENTURE OF SPANISH AIRMAN.

MAJOR FRANCO.

Paris, Yesterday.
A message from Madrid states
that the airman Major Franco,
together with another imprisoned
Major, has escaped from prison.
This is the latest exciting
episode in the life of the famous
airman, who achieved world-wide
prominence in an unsuccessful
trans-Atlantic flight in June last
year. He was missing for a week,
and was finally picked up by a
British aircraft carrier off the
Azores.
Franco's conviction last month
recently involved a sharp Hispano-
German diplomatic incident. A
German engineer in the aeroplane
G 38, visiting Spain, wrote to
Franco regretting that his impris-
onment prevented him trying the
plane and giving the Germans the
benefit of his aeronautic experi-
ence. The German Ambassador
tendered apologies, after which

FLYING LADY.

CHEERS AND BANZAI FOR MRS. BRUCE.

TOKYO'S WELCOME.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Escorted by a number of Japan-
ese aeroplanes, one of which was
piloted by the Korean aviator, Miss
Bobu, which had flown as far as the
Hakone hills to greet her, Mrs.
Bruce landed amid resounding
cheers and banzais.
She was presented with a
bouquet by the daughter of the
Minister of Communications
while representatives of the British
Embassy and the British com-
munity, various aviation societies
and women's organisations partici-
pated in the welcome.
After her health had been toast-
ed Mrs. Bruce motored to Tokyo
where a number of dinners and en-
tertainments have been arranged in
her honour, including a banquet to
be given by the Imperial Aviation
Society at which Baron Sakatani,
its President, will present her with
the society's medal.—Reuter.

"FED UP."

RED DELEGATE LEAVES GENEVA CONFERENCE.

AMENDMENTS REJECTED.

Geneva, Yesterday.
Mortified at having numerous
amendments rejected by the Dis-
armament Committee, M. Litvinoff
has departed for Milan, en route
to Moscow, leaving M. Lunar-
charsky in charge of the Soviet
delegation here.
It is stated that Litvinoff will
only return to Geneva if the pro-
ceedings of the Disarmament Com-
mittee become "more attractive"
for Russia than hitherto.—Reuter.
On the initiative of Signor
Arnaldo Mussolini a sylvan shrine
in honour of the poet Virgil has
been opened at Mantua.

The Spanish authorities permitted
the G. 38 to resume its flight
around Europe.—Reuter.
[Major Franco was sentenced on
October 23 to two months' impris-
onment for subversive activities
in connection with the recent Ro-
publican demonstration in Spain.]

AMUSEMENTS

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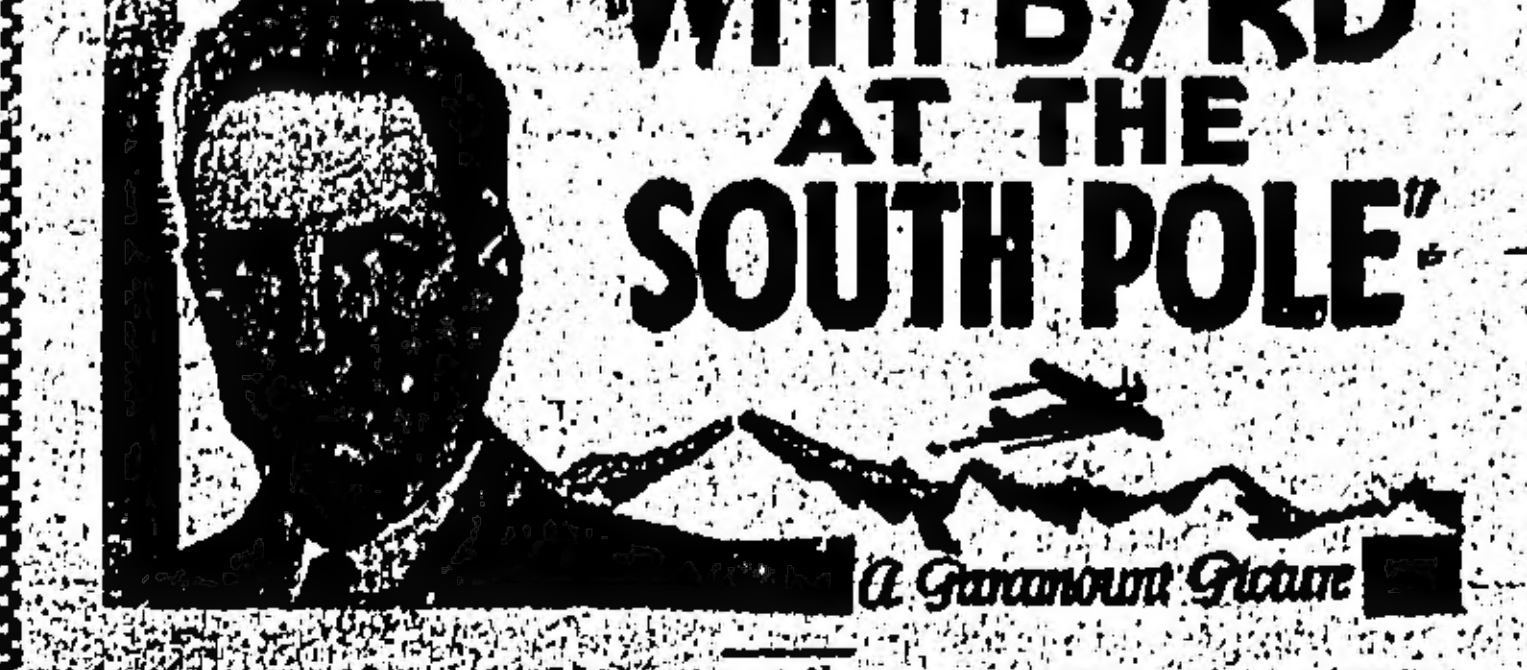


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